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SAMUEL H. SMITH	-----	GRAND MASTER	-----	Winston.
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER	---	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	---	Asheville.
JOHN W. COTTEN	-----	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN	---	Tarboro.
FRANCIS M. MOYE	-----	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN	---	Moyton.
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON	---	GRAND TREASURER	-----	Raleigh.
DONALD W. BAIN	-----	GRAND SECRETARY	-----	Raleigh.
FRANK L. REID	-----	GRAND CHAPLAIN	-----	Raleigh.
WALTER S. CREASY	-----	SENIOR GRAND DEACON	---	Wilmington.
WILLIAM A. BLAIR	-----	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON	---	Winston.
ENOCH F. LAMB	-----	GRAND MARSHAL	-----	Elizabeth City.
WALTER E. MOORE	-----	GRAND SWORD BEARER	---	Webster.
JAMES A. LEACH	-----	GRAND PURSUIVANT	---	Thomasville.
LOGAN M. TOTTEN	-----	GRAND STEWARD	-----	Hickory.
HENRY M. COWAN	-----	GRAND STEWARD	-----	Raleigh.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY	---	GRAND TILER	-----	Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in its One Hundred and Third Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, Tuesday evening, January 14th, A. D. 1890, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

M. W.,	SAMUEL H. SMITH	-----	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER	-----	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE	-----	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	FRANCIS M. MOYE	-----	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	WILLIAM E. ANDERSON	-----	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN	-----	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro.	FRANK L. REID	-----	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	WALTER S. CREASY	-----	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	WILLIAM A. BLAIR	-----	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	ENOCH F. LAMB	-----	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	WALTER E. MOORE	-----	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	ERSKINE POPE	-----	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	LOGAN M. TOTTEN	-----	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	HENRY M. COWAN	-----	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	ROBERT H. BRADLEY	-----	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Past Grand Officers present :

M. W., Charles C. Clark, Robert Bingham, and F. H. Busbee, Past Grand Masters.

R. W., Eugene Grissom and Thomas S. Kenan, Past Deputy Grand Masters.

R. W., Samuel H. Rountree, Past Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. R. A. Draughton, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted a report, which was read, accepted and re-committed for completion of same as representatives appeared. The following is the final report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Credentials having examined the credentials submitted to them, report Lodges represented as follows :

ST. JOHN'S	-----	No.	1	-----	W. S. Creasy	-----	W. M.
ROYAL WHITE HART,	"		2	-----	Walter Clark	-----	proxy for Officers.
ST. JOHN'S	-----	"	3	-----	E. G. Hill	-----	W. M.
PHALANX	-----	"	31	-----	J. K. P. Neathery	-----	Rep.
HIRAM	-----	"	40	-----	R. T. Gray, W. M., L. W. Walker, S. W., J. W. Evans, J. W.		
KING SOLOMON	-----	"	56	-----	R. T. Stephenson, W. M., S. J. Calvert, S. W.		
CONCORD	-----	"	58	-----	Donald Williams, W. M., Orren Williams, proxy for S. W. and J. W.		
GOLDEN FLEECE	-----	"	74	-----	N. M. Richmond	-----	Rep.
WIDOW'S SON	-----	"	75	-----	Eugene Grissom	-----	proxy for Officers.
GREENSBORO	-----	"	76	-----	George Lampman, S. W., S. L. Alderman, J. W. Causey, J. W.		
ZION	-----	"	81	-----	S. H. Rountree	-----	proxy for Officers.
FELLOWSHIP	-----	"	84	-----	Elias Rose	-----	W. M.
JOSEPH WARREN	-----	"	92	-----	W. H. Applewhite, proxy for Officers.		
JERUSALEM	-----	"	95	-----	W. H. Johnson	-----	W. M.
ST. JOHN'S	-----	"	96	-----	S. H. Rountree	-----	W. M.
WAKE FOREST	-----	"	97	-----	J. Rowan Rogers, W. W. Wynne, L. M. Green, Rep.		
HIRAM	-----	"	98	-----	J. M. Marshburn, W. M., C. H. Johnson, S. W.		
CLINTON	-----	"	107	-----	W. R. Coppedge, W. M., T. M. McCrary, Rep.		
WAYNE	-----	"	112	-----	J. F. Dobson	-----	W. M.
HOLLY SPRING	-----	"	115	-----	F. L. Stephenson, S. W., W. H. Utley, proxy for W. M. and J. W.		
MT. LEBANON	-----	"	117	-----	Latimer Williams	-----	S. W.
MT. HERMON	-----	"	118	-----	J. H. Hill	-----	S. W.
FRANKLINTON	-----	"	123	-----	J. Caudell, H. C. Kearney	-----	Rep.
GATESVILLE	-----	"	126	-----	H. Clay Williams	-----	Rep.

HANKS -----	No. 128	W. C. Craven -----	W. M.
DAN RIVER -----	" 129	D. W. Bain -----	proxy for Officers.
MOUNT ENERGY -----	" 140	M. L. Winston -----	W. M.
CAROLINA -----	" 141	F. L. Reid -----	proxy for Rep.
MOUNT VERNON -----	" 143	A. L. Brooks -----	Rep.
PALMYRA -----	" 147	I. W. Taylor, S. W., F. P. Jones, J. W., E. Lee, proxy for W. M.	
ADONIRAM -----	" 149	George W. Watkins -----	W. M.
CHALMERS -----	" 151	George Willcox, W. M., J. F. Gilliam, Rep.	
WHITE STONE -----	" 155	W. H. Chamblee, W. M., J. R. Brown, S. W., C. D. Bunn, proxy for J. W.	
ROLESVILLE -----	" 156	J. D. Peebles, proxy for Officers, B. T. Winston, S. W.	
MOUNT PLEASANT -----	" 157	Dudley Peed, W. M., G. C. Bledsoe, J. W.	
KNAP OF REEDS -----	" 158	J. A. Waller, W. M., R. Peed, J. W., Coran Tilley, proxy for S. W.	
DEEP RIVER -----	" 164	D. W. Bain -----	proxy for Officers.
ARCHER -----	" 165	B. W. Hatcher, W. M., T. R. Christman, Rep.	
WINSTON -----	" 167	W. A. Blair, W. M., T. L. Farrow, S. W.	
BUFFALO -----	" 172	W. E. Murchison -----	W. M.
GEORGE WASHINGTON, -----	" 174	Wilie Goodwin -----	proxy for Officers.
MECKLENBURG -----	" 176	Eugene Grissom -----	proxy for W. M.
TOWNESVILLE -----	" 182	J. P. Blackwell, proxy for W. M. and S. W.	
SANDY CREEK -----	" 185	C. E. Gupton, W. M., A. H. Baker, S. W., A. P. Joyner, J. W.	
PINE FOREST -----	" 186	W. E. Murchison, proxy for Officers.	
CENTRAL CROSS -----	" 187	Calvin Benton -----	Rep.
GRANITE -----	" 191	W. H. Langston, N. G. Gulley, Reps.	
CARY -----	" 198	H. B. Jordan -----	S. W.
EAGLE ROCK -----	" 201	P. P. Pace -----	S. W.
ROANOKE -----	" 203	T. L. Emry -----	proxy for Officers.
BEREA -----	" 204	W. H. Smith -----	W. M.
MINGO -----	" 206	R. A. Draughon, W. M., W. Daughtry, J. W.	
RICHLAND -----	" 214	J. A. Leach, proxy for Wardens, R. W. Thomas, W. M.	
WILLIAM G. HILL, -----	" 218	David Rosenthal, W. M., C. B. Edwards, S. W., F. W. Hunnicutt, J. W.	

JONESVILLE	-----	No. 227	-----	C. F. Bahnson	-----	Rep.
HENDERSON	-----	" 229	-----	W. T. Cheatham	-----	W. M.
CORINTHIAN	-----	" 230	-----	M. R. Braswell	-----	Rep.
WILLIAM T. BAIN	-----	" 231	-----	K. J. Powell, W. M., John W. Thompson, proxy for S. W., W. R. Stephenson, proxy for J. W.		
GUNTER	-----	" 232	-----	J. W. Utley and J. W. Taylor	-----	Reps.
LENOIR	-----	" 233	-----	S. I. Sutton	-----	W. M.
ANCHOR	-----	" 234	-----	C. N. Allen	-----	W. M.
COKEBURY	-----	" 235	-----	Erskine Pope	-----	S. W.
ATLANTIC	-----	" 238	-----	David Rosenthal	-----	proxy for Officers.
ROUNTREE	-----	" 243	-----	C. L. Rountree	-----	Rep.
MONROE	-----	" 244	-----	H. B. Adams	-----	Rep.
LILY VALLEY	-----	" 252	-----	H. Clay Williams	-----	W. M.
BEULAH	-----	" 257	-----	Eli Godwin	-----	W. M.
HARNETT	-----	" 258	-----	A. N. Campbell	-----	W. M.
WAYNESVILLE	-----	" 259	-----	Walter E. Moore	-----	proxy for Officers.
HIBRITEN	-----	" 262	-----	A. H. Stubbs	-----	proxy for Rep.
FARMINGTON	-----	" 265	-----	Chas. F. Bahnson	-----	proxy for Officers.
DUNN'S ROCK	-----	" 267	-----	Walter Clark	-----	proxy for Officers.
UNAKA	-----	" 268	-----	Walter E. Moore	-----	W. M.
TABASCO	-----	" 271	-----	James M. Sutton	-----	Rep.
GREEN LEVEL	-----	" 277	-----	Seth Broadwell, W. M., W. J. Johnson, J. W.		
SAPONA	-----	" 280	-----	M. G. Johnson	-----	S. W.
EUREKA	-----	" 283	-----	J. S. Lafferty	-----	W. M.
GREENVILLE	-----	" 284	-----	A. L. Blow	-----	W. M.
CASTALIA	-----	" 286	-----	T. S. Collie, W. M., T. W. Stokes, S. W.		
FRENCH BROAD	-----	" 292	-----	G. Rosenthal	-----	Rep.
STONEWALL	-----	" 296	-----	James A. Whitley	-----	W. M.
TOISNOT	-----	" 298	-----	J. B. Deans	-----	W. M.
PLEASANT HILL	-----	" 304	-----	S. H. Rountree	-----	proxy for Officers.
LAURINBURG	-----	" 305	-----	W. H. McLaurin	-----	W. M.
HATCHER	-----	" 310	-----	Elias G. Barnes, W. M., William Hin- nant, J. W.		
KING SOLOMON	-----	" 313	-----	J. A. P. Conoley	-----	W. M.
NEW LEBANON	-----	" 314	-----	W. E. Anderson	-----	proxy for Rep.
EUREKA	-----	" 317	-----	E. F. Lamb	-----	Rep.
WILMINGTON	-----	" 319	-----	M. P. Taylor	-----	proxy for Officers.
SELMA	-----	" 320	-----	A. M. Noble, proxy for W. M. and J. W.		
GRANITE	-----	" 322	-----	G. S. Smoot	-----	Rep.

BAYBORO	No. 331	James E. Delamar, J. W., W. D. Alfred, proxy for W. M., C. Lewis, S. W.
LOCK'S CREEK	" 333	W. J. Sessoms W. M.
IONIC	" 337	Guy V. Barnes proxy for Officers.
HARMONY	" 340	E. Elmore, S. W., D. F. Sasser, J. W.
HICKORY	" 343	L. M. Totten Rep.
TRAP HILL	" 346	G. S. Smoot W. M.
MOUNT MOURNE	" 347	D. W. Bain proxy for Officers.
DURHAM	" 352	Thomas L. McClees, Rep., A. E. Lloyd, proxy for S. W.
MORAVIAN	" 353	James A. Leach proxy for Rep.
EAST LA PORTE	" 358	Walter E. Moore Rep.
MT. VERNON	" 359	W. T. Cahoon, proxy for W. M. and J. W., T. M. Davenport, S. W.
MAYON	" 360	R. W. Tatom Rep.
SNOW	" 363	W. C. L. Hulcher, proxy for Officers.
MOUNT PISGAH	" 368	C. R. Scott, W. M., C. L. Williams, S. W.
BETHEL	" 372	P. H. Swink Rep.
ELK	" 373	W. C. L. Hulcher W. M.
YOUNGSVILLE	" 377	J. C. Williams, W. M., J. W. Woodlief, S. W., W. T. Young, J. W.
SEABOARD	" 378	Samuel B. Stephenson W. M.
COHARIE	" 379	J. M. Marshburn proxy for Officers.
GRANVILLE	" 380	Bernice Walker Rep.
KEDRON	" 387	J. F. Morphew Rep.
MOORESBORO	" 388	W. B. Moore Rep.
TALLY HO	" 393	J. E. Duncan proxy for W. M.
CAPE FEAR	" 394	R. R. Bell J. W.
OXFORD	" 396	S. H. Smith W. M.
CONOHO	" 399	H. I. Clark W. M.
JOPPA	" 401	W. P. Terrell Rep.
DOBSON	" 402	Charles F. Bahnson Rep.
SILER CITY	" 403	H. M. Cowan proxy for Rep.
OCEAN	" 405	E. F. Lamb proxy for Rep.
UNIVERSITY	" 408	W. N. Pritchard, S. W., J. C. Hocutt, Rep.
BULA	" 409	A. J. Burch proxy for Officers.
ASHEVILLE	" 410	J. F. Morphew proxy for Officers.
ROCKVILLE	" 411	J. L. Strickland S. W.

HENRY F. GRAINGER, No. 412----	I. R. Fuller, W. M., W. H. Green, S. W., J. T. Barnes, J. W.
ROYAL ----- " 413----	J. A. Clifton----- W. M.
WILTON ----- " 414----	W. N. Harris, W. M., W. A. Blackley, J. W.
POTECASI----- " 418----	V. S. MacNider----- W. M.
GREENWOOD ----- " 419----	C. C. McLellan----- Rep.
HARMON ----- " 420----	B. F. Sprinkle----- Rep.
BALTIMORE----- " 424----	Thomas Williams----- W. M.
OCONEE ----- " 427----	D. K. Collins----- W. M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. DRAUGHON,
J. R. BROWN,

Committee.

The Grand Master delivered his annual address, which was referred to a special committee announced by the Deputy Grand Master as follows: Bros. F. H. Busbee, C. C. Clark, and Eugene Grissom.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN :—On this day, one hundred and nineteen years ago, in London, Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, through the sign manual of Charles Dillon, D. G. M., attested by James Heseltine, Grand Secretary, empowered Joseph Montfort, Esquire, of Halifax, in the Province of North Carolina, as Provincial Grand Master of and for America, to make Masons and constitute and regulate Lodges.

Under this authorization some of those Lodges exist to-day and are represented here this evening. In our centennial observances our history has been referred to. We can look back over the past and refer with pride to our progress. In the place of a handful of Masons connected with three or four Lodges, and scattered over a vast, unbroken territory, we have, to-day, more than two hundred Lodges in the jurisdiction of North Carolina and back of them stands a host, numbering over eight thousand—valiant craftsmen who are animated by the same zeal and faith which inspired our forefathers.

The past year, so far as Masonry in North Carolina is concerned, has been exceptionally favorable. Fourteen new Lodges have been instituted, some dormant Lodges revived, and large accessions to membership have been made.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

At the suggestion of my worthy predecessor, P. G. M. Robinson, the Grand Lodge, at its last session, ordered the Grand Master to appoint eight District Deputy Grand Masters to visit and instruct the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, their actual expenses to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge. Upon consultation with Grand Treasurer William E. Anderson I found there would be no funds in the Grand Treasury to apply to this purpose, after paying the appropriation to the Orphan Asylum. Accordingly I called a council, consisting of Past Grand Master Charles H. Robinson, Grand Treasurer William E. Anderson, Grand Secretary D. W. Bain and Past Deputy Grand Master Eugene Grissom, to meet in Raleigh. Past Grand Master Robinson was unable to attend, and the council as above constituted, after mature deliberation, suggested to the Grand Master to appoint eight Grand Lecturers in lieu of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who should be paid by the Lodges requesting their services. Had they been appointed District Deputy Grand Masters, they could have claimed payment of their expenses from the Grand Lodge, and your treasury would have been so depleted that the Orphan Asylum would have suffered. It is with regret that I acknowledge my failure to carry out an edict of the Grand Lodge, but no other alternative presented itself, and the council was unanimous in recommending the course I pursued as the best that could be done under the circumstances.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Several Special Communications have been held in different parts of the jurisdiction for the purpose of laying corner-stones. They will appear in their proper place in the proceedings.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Our Right Worshipful Brother Luke Blackmer, Past Senior Grand Warden, died at his residence in the city of Salisbury, North Carolina, February 9th, 1889, aged sixty-four years, four months and fourteen days.

A suitable notice will, doubtless, be given to the memory of this departed brother by the Committee on Memoirs.

Some of our Lodges have lost active, zealous and bright members, whose names will appear on our memorial pages. We tender our sincere sympathies to the Lodges thus bereaved.

Many jurisdictions have suffered from the loss of Grand and Past Grand Officers, among them wise leaders of the Craft. Their names will appropriately appear elsewhere in the proceedings.

In reviewing my rather voluminous correspondence it is gratifying to note the careful and painstaking scrutiny of our Lodges into the character and qualifications of applicants for admission, the faithful adherence of officers and members to the ancient landmarks and usages of the Craft, the general desire for a thorough understanding of the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge, and for masonic light and knowledge, evinced by the fraternity throughout our jurisdiction.

No questions have been referred to me which required the exercise of individual judgment; and my decisions have been in accordance with precedents heretofore published and in strict conformity with the Code of this jurisdiction and general masonic law.

SECRECY OF THE BALLOT.

In a few of our Lodges there appears to be an uncertainty or a lack of knowledge of masonic laws and usages, which is, to say the least, lamentable. Several letters have been received by me detailing the result of a ballot, and showing that such ballot had been canvassed and members who had cast a black-ball discovered by inquiry, in and out of the Lodge. The ballot is a sacred masonic institution, and its secrecy should be inviolable. A Mason who endeavors to extort from another what manner of ballot he has cast, or who even reveals the character of ballot cast by himself, thereby violates his solemn obligation and is guilty of grossly unmasonic conduct. It is the duty of every Worshipful Master to impress upon his Lodge the impropriety, nay, the positive criminality, of any discussion or inquiry regarding the ballot after it has been taken and the result announced.

PREROGATIVES OF THE GRAND MASTER.

In this connection it may not be amiss to emphasize some facts which are occasionally overlooked. It is not in the power of the Grand Master to reverse a ballot, to permit a second ballot to be taken upon a petition at a subsequent meeting, to allow an application for membership to be entertained until twelve months have elapsed since such application was rejected, to grant a dispensation to entertain a petition from a sojourner or non-resident. Requests of this character have been received by me and have been unhesitatingly refused. The same masonic law governs the humblest Entered Apprentice and the Grand Master. The highest prerogative of the Grand Master is to expound the law, and set an example to the craftsmen and Lodges over whom he presides by a faithful, unwavering adherence to its tenets.

DIMITTS AND NON-AFFILIATION.

I desire to call your attention to the subject of dimitted and non-affiliated Masons. The law of this jurisdiction clearly forbids the extension of any masonic rights or privileges to Masons who are not members in good standing of some active Lodge. They are aliens, but in reality we make of them a privileged class, with advantages which we deny to honest and faithful craftsmen. The regular payment of dues for the support of the Lodge, and the maintenance of our noble charity, is a binding obligation upon every Mason. The member of a Lodge who fails to respond to this obligation is justly excluded from all masonic rights and privileges; nor can he be re-instated until he pays all arrears. On the other hand, we see numbers of dimitted and non-affiliated Masons throughout this jurisdiction who, for years, disregard their obligations, and then, at their convenience or pleasure, are granted full membership in a working Lodge, upon payment of a small admission fee. That such conduct is wrong and that it is a just cause of discontent in our Order, all will admit. Radical measures alone can correct this great and growing evil. I earnestly commend the following suggestions to your consideration. Allow no dimitt to be granted, except upon satisfactory evidence that the applicant seeks admission into another Lodge, and compel Lodges to charge the same fees as for the degrees, in the case of all non-affiliates who shall not file their petitions for membership within a reasonable time. Perhaps you will object that such a course will alienate and drive off many who, in due time, would again connect themselves with us. I contend that no good Mason can allow himself to remain indefinitely dimitted or non-affiliated. Such only do we want, all others we are better off without. True Masonry is a fruit-bearing tree, and all unprofitable and dead branches must be ruthlessly pruned, to encourage its vigorous and healthy growth. Let "Once a Mason, always a Mason," be the watch-word of this jurisdiction.

UNWORTHY MASONS.

Masonry, the hand-maiden of religion, like its mistress, is liable to imposition. Some are admitted to its fold who are unworthy of membership; others, alas! renounce their solemn obligations, and bring shame and disgrace upon the holy cause they have voluntarily espoused. Not infrequently the drunken and profane, the profligate and dissolute man, retains his membership in a Lodge without protest, and upon his death the community is scandalized by the gorgeous ceremonial, which attends his obsequies. The cause of Masonry must suffer from such disgraceful exhibitions, and the Lodge which permits them cannot be too

severely censured. No matter how notoriously immoral or even criminal a man may be, if he remains in good standing upon its record, his Lodge must accord him all masonic rights, privileges and burial. After his death protests, such as have come to me from suddenly awakened fellow-members, are totally unavailing. No man can be tried and condemned by masonic law without the opportunity of being heard in his own defense. Death has not only sealed the lips of the accused, but has indelibly branded upon his Lodge and each individual member thereof the shame and disgrace which their neglect or indifference has permitted to tarnish their record.

The broad mantle of masonic charity should indeed cover the faults and frailties of feeble humanity, but no true Mason can allow it to be prostituted into a bulwark, protected by which, vice and crime launch their deadly shafts against virtue and morality.

It is the bounden duty of every Mason to see that his brother Mason maintains a high moral standard in his community. His fraternal relation makes each Mason his brother's keeper, nor can he delegate this duty to another. His sphere of duty is not bounded by the limits of his own Lodge. A protest was received by me, complaining that a Virginia Lodge had tried, convicted and indefinitely suspended, for grossly unmasonic conduct, a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction. The sentence must stand without remedy, except on appeal to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

JURISDICTIONAL RIGHTS.

A complaint from Scottsville Lodge, No. 385, of North Carolina, to the effect that a Virginia Lodge was taking its material for initiation was forwarded to my most Worshipful Brother, Robert T. Craighill, Grand Master of Virginia, and although I have received no acknowledgment of the receipt of my communication, the complaint has not been repeated, and I have no doubt the wrong has been corrected and due reparation made.

VISITATION.

It has been impossible for me, during my term of office, to visit officially any of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. During the summer, however, it was my good fortune to witness the conferring of the Master's degree in Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, by the Worshipful Master, Brother Samuel Northrop, assisted by Brother Eugene Martiu, W. M., of St. John's Lodge, No. 1. Their performance of the work was most commendable, being characterized by a perfect knowledge of every detail, and a spirit and earnestness worthy of general emulation.

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

And now I come to speak of the brightest jewel in the crown of every worthy Mason in North Carolina. If we are to judge Masonry by its fruits, we have only to point to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, to silence the captious fault-finder or ignorant critic. All honor to our worthy predecessors, who planned and inaugurated this noble charity. When we review the work which has been and is now being done there, when we consider that hundreds of helpless orphans in this State have been rescued from degradation and vice, and fitted to occupy responsible positions in business and society, we are lost in amazement and words fail to express our gratitude to Almighty God, who has wrought such wondrous things through our instrumentality. Looking beyond and above the dingy walls of old St. John's College we see a stately edifice. It is the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Its foundations are the love of God, its walls of faith are cemented with hope, its roof is the pure gold of divine charity. It needs no noonday sun to reveal its magnificence. The light of God's countenance illumines its every part, and its refulgence permeates the remotest corners of our State. The eye of the beholder is dazzled and his bewildered senses entranced, while above and around the air is filled with heavenly harmony, the voices of ransomed and redeemed souls, pouring forth their unceasing psalms of praise and victory. Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be all the praise !

To us, my brethren, is entrusted this bright jewel, to our keeping has the Master committed the edifice of his own fashioning, and the children of His adoption. We cannot refuse the trust. Shall we falter and hesitate, allow the lustre of our priceless jewel to grow dim, the glory of our Master's House to depart from Israel? Shall we refuse food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, the Bread of Life to the famishing, in our midst? It is the Great Master who says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

The report of the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum will give in detail the workings and needs of this institution. I earnestly commend this report to your careful and liberal consideration.

CONCLUSION.

In returning to you the trust which I have so undeservedly received at your hands, I desire again to thank you for the great honor you have conferred. Actuated by entire devotion to our grand institution, I am confident I can have made no great mistakes, although I have doubtless come

far short of your expectations. To my brethren throughout this jurisdiction I am under lasting obligation for the uniform courtesy and consideration which have characterized our fraternal relations.

May the Great Master himself preside over our deliberations! May the Author of the Universe illumine our minds with the light of His countenance! May the fire from His altar descend into our midst, inflame our zeal, strengthen our faith, quicken our hope and fill our hearts with divine charity! May every Mason throughout this jurisdiction so fulfill his task in the upbuilding of the spiritual Masonic temple here below that finally we may all meet before the throne of the Supreme Master above, and hear his words of commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

A review of the transactions of the Grand Secretary's office reveals a satisfactory result of the year's operations of the Lodges. Many of the Lodges have been more than usually active, and good work has been done. One notable fact exists. Much of the time of the Grand Secretary has been occupied answering inquiries on masonic law and usage. The answers given were generally references to our law as contained in the Code and statements as to unwritten usages in our system of work. All matters requiring a construction of the law as to unadjudicated questions were, as was proper, referred to the Grand Master.

Officers of Lodges seem to appreciate, more than ever before, the necessity and importance of becoming thoroughly versed in our jurisprudence and esoteric work. This is as it should be, and I am sure that good results have followed.

We assemble this evening on the anniversary of an important event which, one hundred and nineteen years ago this date, inaugurated the movement that led to the organization of this Grand Lodge in the year 1771. While the growth of the Order in North Carolina has not been commensurate with its possibilities, yet ever true to those principles upon which our faith is founded, and with that conservatism which has characterized our people, a steadfast devotion to the ancient landmarks which

are our magna charta, and inspired by the zeal of our fathers, the craftsmen have faithfully labored to preserve inviolable the sacred tenets and the honor and glory of the institution. We are to-day enjoying the fruits of those labors, and we can make our boast that this jurisdiction maintains a position that excites the admiration and respect of the masonic world.

Four hundred and seventeen charters have been granted to Lodges. Nearly two hundred of them have been surrendered, and other Lodges have succeeded to the occupancy of the masonic field for its more successful cultivation. The liberality of the Grand Lodge in granting charters in this way may not, in many cases, have proven the wiser course, yet it has contributed to the advancement of Masonry and the enlargement of its influence in many sections of the State. Our Lodge rolls ought to contain an active membership of fifteen thousand, but not quite eight thousand still remain affiliated. The cause for this is two fold : First, the extensive execution, some years ago, of the law authorizing Lodges to "exclude" members for failure to pay dues. Second, the surrender of charters, which has still left many in a position of non-affiliation. The first is being remedied by the relaxing of the exercise of the powers given, and the second by the position taken by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary that it is better to revive an old Lodge than to establish a new one in the same territory where two Lodges are not needed or cannot be sustained. Thus our membership is gradually increasing each year and old Lodges are resuming their places on the registry of the Grand Lodge.

NEW LODGES.

Fourteen new Lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Master, as follows :

1889.

- March 14—*Hyslop*, at Liberty, Randolph county.
- April 2—*Greenwood*, at Godwin's, Cumberland county.
- April 9—*Walnut Cove*, at Walnut Cove, Stokes county.
- May 3—*Baltimore*, at Baltimore, Yadkin county,
- May 9—*Eastern Star*, at North Bend, Yancey county.
- June 19—*Boonville*, at Boonville, Yadkin county.
- June 28—*Montgomery*, at Ranger, Cherokee county.
- June 28—*Potecasi*, at Potecasi, Northampton county,
- August 10—*Stokesdale*, at Stokesdale, Guilford county.
- August 10—*Union*, at Olive Branch, Union county.
- August 15—*Sparta*, at Sparta, Alleghany county.
- October 8—*Sea-side*, at Swansboro, Onslow county.

October 8—*Harmon*, at Cross Roads Church, Yadkin county.

November 26—*Vanceboro*, at Vanceboro, Craven county.

In each of the localities mentioned a Lodge was needed, and most of these Lodges have made good reports of their work.

Yadkin Falls Lodge, in Montgomery county, and Charleston Lodge, at Charleston, Swain county, were continued under dispensation.

LODGES REVIVED.

The charters of the following Lodges have been restored and the Lodges have resumed work :

Gatesville, No. 126, at Gatesville, Gates county.

Dan River, No. 129, at Madison, Rockingham county.

Henderson, No. 229, at Henderson, Vance county.

Bethel, No. 372, at Madra, Anson county.

LODGES REMOVED.

The following Lodges have, by consent of the Grand Master, moved their sites as indicated, viz. :

Castalia, No. 286, from Castalia, Nash county, to Cedar Rock, Franklin county.

Lock's Creek, No. 333, from Devane's Mill, Cumberland county, to Wade's Station, same county.

Scottsville, No. 385, from Scottsville, Ashe county, to the vicinity of Cranberry Church, Alleghany county.

The law relating to the removal of Lodges was complied with in each case, and this notice is given as the Code requires.

DELINQUENT OR DORMANT LODGES.

The following Lodges are delinquent in paying their dues for two or more years and have forfeited their charters and property under section 1, article 9, of the Code :

Rock Rest, No. 161, Chatham county; Ashpole, No. 335, Robeson county; Palmyra, No. 337, Halifax county; Iredell, No. 362, Iredell county; Cumberland, No. 364, Cumberland county.

The charter of Scotch Ireland Lodge, No. 154, Rowan county, has again been surrendered, in view of the inability of the Master, as he suggests, to secure a meeting.

REVENUE.

The receipts for the year amount to three thousand six hundred and eighty-two dollars and seventy-five cents, and were derived from sources as follows :

Dues from Lodges for the masonic year 1888 and previous years	\$3,383 25
Charters, deducting Grand Secretary's fees	133 00
Dispensations, deducting Grand Secretary's fees	126 00
Sales of the Code	38 00
Sales of Grand Lodge Proceedings	1 00
Diplomas	1 50
Total amount	\$3,682 75

This amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The increase of receipts is three hundred and sixty dollars and seventy-five cents over the amount reported to the last Annual Communication, and is on dues, charters, dispensations and sales of the Code.

The receipts derived from annual dues at sixty cents *per capita* are not stated in this report, owing to the fact that Lodges are still paying their dues for the masonic year 1889, and the summary cannot now be made up. The affairs of the Grand Lodge are as economically administered as possible, and the full payment of the specific annual appropriation of two thousand dollars to the Orphan Asylum was the sole object of the increase. The indications are that the increase will be sufficient for the purpose suggested.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives for this Grand Body near other Grand Lodges have been appointed :

Dakota—W. H. Boals, Clark, South Dakota.

Delaware—Frank Bellville, Delaware City.

Illinois—Edward A. Pace, of Ashley, in place of Walter A. Stevens, resigned.

The following have been appointed by other Grand Bodies near this Grand Lodge :

Delaware—Frank L. Reid, Raleigh.

Illinois—Hezekiah A. Gudger, Asheville.

Missouri—Donald W. Bain, Raleigh.

I have thus made mention of such matters as I deemed it necessary to bring to your notice, and the report is

• Fraternally submitted,

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

		DR.	
1890			
Jan.	11	To amount received from Grand Secretary for the past masonic year -----	\$ 3,682 75
Jan.	11	To balance carried forward to new masonic year, being amount paid out by Grand Treasurer in excess of amount received from Grand Secretary -----	341 01
			\$ 4,023 76
		CR.	
1889			
Jan.	7	By balance brought from last year's report, being amount paid in previous year in excess of amount received from Grand Secretary -----	\$ 338 86
Jan.	10	Paid C. H. Robinson, Grand Master, paid for portrait, -----	27 30
Jan.	10	Paid C. H. Robinson, Grand Master, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	11 00
Jan.	10	Paid W. G. Campbell, Grand Chaplain, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	13 00
Jan.	10	Paid A. B. Daughtry, Grand Sword Bearer, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	14 60
Jan.	10	Paid A. O. Edson, Grand Steward, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	25 25
Jan.	10	Paid F. M. Moye, Grand Marshal, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	10 90
Jan.	10	Paid John W. Cotten, Junior Grand Warden, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	12 00
Jan.	10	Paid A. W. Wood, Senior Grand Deacon, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	12 25
Jan.	10	Paid H. A. Gudger, Senior Grand Warden, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	21 50
Jan.	10	Paid G. Rosenthal, services as Assistant Grand Secretary -----	25 00
Jan.	10	Paid <i>News and Observer</i> , advertising Grand Communication of 1889 -----	5 00
Jan.	10	Paid S. H. Smith, Deputy Grand Master, expenses Grand Communication 1889 -----	12 65
Jan.	10	Paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, services and expenses at Grand Annual Communication 1889 -----	35 90
Feb.	6	Paid B. F. Dixon, Superintendent, on account appropriation Grand Communication 1889 -----	1,000 00
		Amount carried forward -----	\$ 1,565 21

		Amount brought forward	\$ 1,565 21
Feb.	6	Paid A. Williams & Co., bill of stationery, etc.	3 65
Feb.	6	Paid A. Syme and Co., Agents, insurance on Orphan Asylum buildings	41 63
Feb.	6	Paid A. Syme & Co., Agents, insurance on Orphan Asylum buildings	55 50
Feb.	12	Paid F. H. Cameron & Co., insurance on Orphan Asylum buildings	23 13
Mar.	1	Paid S. M. Parish, mending and varnishing desks.	1 35
Mar.	5	Paid Dulany & Co., stationery for Grand Lodge	10 00
Mar.	5	Paid F. A. Watson, India ink	25
Mar.	5	Paid Southern Express Company, express to Grand Master	35
Mar.	23	Paid North Carolina Home Insurance Company, insurance on Orphan Asylum buildings	64 75
Apr.	1	Paid S. A. Ashe, Postmaster, postage on Proceedings Grand Lodge	45 65
Apr.	3	Paid Edwards, Broughton & Co. for 1,100 copies Proceedings Grand Lodge and other stationery, etc.	247 60
Apr.	3	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	45
Apr.	3	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	25
Apr.	8	Paid D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, packing and mailing proceedings	4 75
Apr.	13	Paid Southern Express Company, freight on stationery for Grand Master	1 10
Apr.	23	Paid S. A. Ashe, Postmaster, 500 stamped envelopes for use Grand Secretary's office	11 00
May	3	Paid S. H. Smith, Grand Master, expenses to Raleigh on Grand Lodge business	9 35
May	6	Paid John Wanamaker, letter heads and envelopes for Grand Master	16 10
May	30	Paid North Carolina Home Insurance Company, insurance on contents Grand Secretary's office	6 90
July	1	Paid A. Williams & Co., twine	60
July	10	Paid sundry Express freights, etc.	2 05
Aug.	8	Paid B. F. Dixon, Superintendent, on account appropriation by Grand Lodge for Orphan Asylum	500 00
Aug.	12	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	30
Aug.	12	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	35
Aug.	12	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	25
Aug.	12	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	40
Aug.	27	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	1 05
Aug.	27	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	30
Aug.	27	Western Union Telegraph Company, telegram	49
Aug.	27	Southern Express Company, expressage	25
Aug.	29	Paid Southern Express Company, expressage	25
Oct.	18	Paid A. W. Shaffer, Postmaster, stamps for Grand Secretary's office	5 00
Nov.	10	Paid W. F. Beasley, draft on Grand Treasurer by S. H. Smith, Grand Master	50 00
Nov.	15	Paid B. F. Dixon, Superintendent, on account appropriation for Orphan Asylum	350 00
		Amount carried forward	\$ 3,020 26

		Amount brought forward.....	\$ 3,020 26
Nov.	23	Paid B. F. Dixon, Superintendent, on account appropriation for Orphan Asylum.....	150 00
1890			
Jan.	8	Paid A. Williams & Co., copy-book and paper.....	3 50
Jan.	11	Paid D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, salary for masonic year 1888.....	700 00
Jan.	11	Paid commissions allowed Grand Treasurer for past masonic year.....	150 00
		Total.....	\$ 4,023 76

The amount of insurance on the Orphan Asylum buildings has been kept at the same figure as during the past year, to-wit, thirteen thousand dollars, and at a cost of one hundred and eighty-five dollars and one cent. The contents of the Grand Secretary's office are insured in the sum of six hundred dollars, at a cost of six dollars and ninety cents. The material and books and pamphlets stored in this room are largely in excess of this amount in value; indeed many of the volumes could not be replaced except at a very heavy expense, and it might be well enough for the Grand Lodge to order this amount of insurance increased. The Moore legacy of one thousand dollars for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum is still invested on bond and mortgage on real estate in Johnston county and is considered amply safe. The interest for the past year has just been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and by him turned over to the credit of the account of B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Asylum.

I congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the fact that the Grand Treasurer has, during the past year, been able to pay to the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum the whole amount of the appropriation made by the last Grand Lodge, to-wit, two thousand dollars; a satisfactory state of affairs which has not prevailed for the past two or three years. My report showed at the end of last year a general excess of expenditures over receipts of three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-six cents. The report of this year shows a similar deficit of three hundred and forty-one dollars and one cent, showing an increase of deficit of this year over the last of only two dollars and fifteen cents, while the amount paid on the Orphan Asylum appropriation has been this year five hundred dollars larger than the last. This fact, in connection with the alterations by the last Grand Lodge of section I, article II, of the By-Laws, increasing the *per capita* tax from fifty cents to sixty cents (which will be effective the coming year, but was not the last year), encourages us to believe that the Grand Lodge will, in a year or two, be not only in a position to pay the full amount of its appropriation for the Orphan Asylum, but will overtake and remedy the deficiencies of previous years.

As chairman of the Committee of Printing, I report that, having advertised for bids, the contract was awarded to Messrs. Edwards & Broughton, who have performed the work expeditiously, neatly and at moderate cost.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON,
Grand Treasurer.

R. W., John W. Cotten, Senior Grand Warden, appeared and occupied his station.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams presented the following report of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum with the report of the Superintendent, both of which reports were read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum respectfully submit the report of the Superintendent of the Asylum as their report to the Grand Lodge.

A. H. A. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting herewith the seventeenth annual report of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the year ending December 31st, 1889.

In my last annual report there were two hundred and fifty-one children in our Asylum. Since that time we have received forty-eight and discharged thirty-nine, leaving now in the Asylum two hundred and sixty. The average for the year has been two hundred and fifty-six.

FINANCIAL.

On hand at beginning of year.....	\$ 758 36
Received from State Treasurer	10,000 00
Received from Treasurer Grand Lodge	2,000 00
From all other sources, including profits from Printing, Shoe and Broom Departments.....	7,769 10
Total	\$20,527 46
Expended for all purposes	20,392 90
Balance.....	\$ 134 56

The receipts from our Industrial Departments were not so much, as last year, because, in our Printing Department at that time, our main revenue came from our job office, and in the beginning of the present year Mr. Thomas left us and the only arrangement I could make was to get Miss Hatchett to take the place of editor of the *Orphans' Friend*, which place she filled with great acceptability until her marriage to Mr. Fairbrother, of Nebraska. I filled her place as editor with Miss Rolin Stubbs, of Williamston, who still occupies that position. The paper has been greatly improved under this arrangement, but the revenue coming as it did from our job department, and having no one to take charge of that, we have not made the profits we did the year before. Still we have made expenses and have a small balance in our favor. I have recently employed Mr. E. W. Jones, a practical printer and a splendid business man, to take charge of the business department of the *Orphans' Friend*, and the results are very gratifying so far. We are again being crowded with work, and I feel satisfied that next year will be the most prosperous in the history of the *Friend*.

Mr. J. W. Smith, who had charge of our Shoe-shop and Broom Factory, died in the early part of the year and left those departments without a head. We regretted the loss of this estimable gentleman more than tongue can tell. He was admirably fitted for the work he had to do and he did it well. A high-toned, Christian gentleman went out from us when John W. Smith died. After his death I appointed Charlie Chapman, one of our orphan boys, to take charge of the Shoe-shop, and Willie Ratliff, another one of our boys, in charge of our Broom Factory. They both deserve high praise for the manner in which they have managed their shops; and I am glad to say there was a small balance in our favor from both of these departments at the close of the year.

FARM.

Our farm and garden have been under the control of Mr. C. W. Westbrook (who succeeded Mr. Palmer) for the past year, and he has shown his ability to manage both. His control over the boys has been perfect and his example as a true Christian gentleman has been worth a great deal to our boys.

The farm and garden have yielded a very handsome revenue to the Asylum. The lands have been greatly improved and the garden beautified and adorned. We expect great things from this department of industry next year.

IMPROVEMENTS.

We have built, of brick, during the year our Annex to the Boys' Building, fifty feet long, thirty feet wide and two stories high, containing teachers' dining-room, children's dining-room, reception-room and chapel. We also added a kitchen of brick, which is large and admirably adapted to the purposes for which it was built. All of these rooms have been well furnished, and are now in use by the boys of the Asylum. The little fellows can now have plenty of elbow room when they eat and plenty of room to kneel down when they pray.

We have also remodeled the Farmer's Cottage, adding another story to the building and otherwise improving and beautifying it.

The Hospital has been carpeted and painted and improved very greatly in other respects.

Several rooms in the Main Building have been carpeted, and many beautiful pictures have been hung upon our walls during the year. For the pictures we are indebted to Bro. Julian S. Carr.

HEALTH.

The health of the children has been better this year than during any previous year since my connection with the Asylum. We have had no death among our inmates and no case of serious illness, and to-day the dinner-bell will call together two hundred and sixty "little ones," each ready to do justice to a full, square meal.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

We have made the following changes in our corps of teachers during the year: Miss Katie Marsh in charge of the second form boys, in place of Miss M. Rolin Stubbs, who is now editor of the *Orphans' Friend*; Miss Sudie Nelson, of Winston, in charge of third form boys, in place of Miss Marsh.

In the Girls' Building Miss Julia Scott took charge of second form girls, in place of Miss Lena M. Hudgins, who took charge of third form girls. Miss Mattie Rountree, of Kinston, N. C., took charge of third form girls, in place of Miss Lena Hudgins, who accepted a position as teacher of music in the Kinsey School, LaGrange, N. C.

I have no words except those of praise for the teachers of the different forms during the present year. They all did their work faithfully and well.

MATRONS.

In our Housekeeping and Sewing Departments we have made no changes during the year, and have had very efficient and faithful service from all the ladies in charge of these departments.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

In November I sent out the following circular to the Worshipful Masters of the Subordinate Lodges, which explains itself :

“MY DEAR BROTHER :—Hitherto the Oxford Orphan Asylum has depended largely upon the Thanksgiving offerings of the different denominations of Christians of North Carolina to tide us over the winter months, but now the Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches all have Orphanages of their own, and their Thanksgiving collections will, of course, go to them. The Methodist preachers will all be in attendance upon the session of their Annual Conference at Greensboro, and consequently no Thanksgiving services will be held in their respective charges, and as a result, the Oxford Orphan Asylum, with its two hundred and sixty orphans, will get nothing. Now I write you, and beg you to put your Orphan Asylum Committee to work for us, and let us see what the Masons can do for our grand old institution.

“Some of you have already done nobly, and I earnestly pray that every brother may feel the importance of doing his duty now. We will need this help, or I certainly would not ask it. The Annex to our Boys' Building is about completed, and our Cotton Factory will *certainly* be built next year ; but just now we need help from the brethren. With best wishes always,

“Yours fraternally,

“B. F. DIXON.”

Nobly did the brethren come to the rescue of our grand charity ! Our books will show a *larger Thanksgiving offering* than ever before.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The holidays were delightful to us all, and in behalf of all of our children I thank the numerous donors of Christmas presents for their offering. Colonel Beasley was with us and added greatly to the interest of the occasion. He told us, however, that hereafter he would give his services to the old Confederate soldiers of North Carolina, inasmuch as we had many friends who would take his place with us. We are sorry to lose the Colonel, but freely give him up to those who need him most.

CONCLUSION.

This has been a good year to us, and the incoming one promises to be better still. I wish I could tell you everything that is in store for us. I will say, in brief, that our Pants Factory and Cotton Factory will surely be built during the coming year. With thanks for past favors, and praying God's blessing upon our efforts in the future, this report is respectfully submitted.

B. F. DIXON,
Superintendent.

Representatives from Grand Lodges near this Grand Body were present as follows:

ALABAMA	Donald W. Bain.
ARKANSAS	Fabius H. Busbee.
CONNECTICUT	Donald W. Bain.
DELAWARE	Frank L. Reid.
GEORGIA	Donald W. Bain.
ILLINOIS	Hezekiah A. Gudger.
KENTUCKY	Donald W. Bain.
MARYLAND	Henry M. Cowan.
MICHIGAN	Robert Bingham.
MINNESOTA	Eugene Grissom.
MISSOURI	Donald W. Bain.
NEW JERSEY	Donald W. Bain.
NOVA SCOTIA	Thomas S. Kenan.
OHIO	Albert M. Noble.
OREGON	John W. Cotten.
TENNESSEE	Donald W. Bain.
TEXAS	Donald W. Bain.
VIRGINIA	William E. Anderson.

The Grand Secretary presented duplicates of a medal received from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, bearing date October 1, 1889, commemorative of the semi-centennial observances of that Grand Body, one of which was delivered by R. W. Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, in appropriate remarks, to R. W. Bro. H. A. Gudger, representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near this Grand Body, who, on receiving it, pleasantly responded. The Grand Secretary deposited the other in the library of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge received also from the Grand Lodge of New York a medal commemorative of the freedom of the craft of that jurisdiction from debt in the year 1889, which was properly acknowledged by the Grand Master and ordered to be placed in the library of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. F. H. Busbee the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were appointed a committee on the part of this Grand Body to act with similar committees from the Masonic Bodies of this city, to effect a further lease of this hall and appurtenances, or some other hall in the city, for a term of years.

Bro. James A. Leach introduced the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That the name of Castalia Lodge, No. 286, be changed to *Cedar Rock*, the Lodge retaining its number, in response to a petition from said Lodge asking that the change be made.

Resolved, That the name of Richland Lodge, No. 214, be changed to *Thomasville*, the Lodge retaining its number.

Bro. A. P. Rowe, Jr., of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Virginia, was introduced by the Grand Master.

Bro. Rowe presented his credentials and addressed the Grand Lodge in the interest of the "Washington Masonic Memorial Temple" to be erected in Fredericksburg, Virginia, making an appeal for pecuniary aid in behalf of the enterprise.

Bro. F. H. Busbee introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are in hearty sympathy with the brethren of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in their efforts to erect a memorial building in honor of our illustrious brother, George Washington, and that permission be given the Association to solicit contributions from individual Lodges and Masons within this jurisdiction.

On motion of Bro. F. L. Reid the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next Annual Communication.

Bro. F. H. Busbee, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee appointed to consider the address of the Grand Master and to recommend the proper distribution and reference of its various parts, beg respectfully to report.

They have considered the address, and recommend :

That the part of the address relating to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to a special committee of five.

The decisions of the Grand Master have not been specifically stated, but we have no doubt the Grand Master is accurate in saying that they are strictly in conformity with the Code and masonic law, and did not require any review. We take it that no new questions were presented.

The portion relating to fraternal dead we recommend be referred to the usual special committee on fraternal dead.

The portion in regard to the prerogatives of Grand Master we regard as important, and ask that it be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The question of non-affiliation is one that "age cannot wither nor custom stale its infinite variety." Our worthy Grand Master has given it another turn. We advise that this subject be referred to a special committee.

The portion relating to Oxford Orphan Asylum we recommend be referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum.

The remarks of the Grand Master concerning unworthy Masons and concerning the general duty of the fraternity are heartily approved and commended to the consideration of the craft.

F. H. BUSBEE, P. G. M.,
CHARLES C. CLARK, P. G. M.,
EUGENE GRISSOM, P. D. G. M.

Committees were announced as follows :

STANDING.

On Charters and Dispensations :

Bros. Bernice Walker, J. A. Leach, Elias Rose, W. R. Coppedge, A. L. Brooks, and B. W. Hatcher.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

Bros. Erskine Pope, S. I. Sutton, and J. A. P. Conoley.

On Unfinished Business:

Bros. L. M. Totten, N. M. Richmond, and F. P. Jones.

On Accounts and Claims:

Bros. H. Clay Williams, W. H. Smith, and C. B. Edwards.

On Work, Proceedings and Returns of Lodges:

No. 1—Bros. T. M. McCrary, George Lampman, and J. F. Dobson.

No. 2—Bros. C. F. Bahnson, James M. Sutton, and J. E. Delamar.

No. 3—Bros. W. C. L. Hulcher, W. P. Terrell, and J. D. Peebles.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Bros. B. W. Hatcher, J. F. Morphew, W. E. Murchison, and A. H. A. Williams as additions and to fill vacancies.

SPECIAL.

On Appeals:

Bros. T. S. Kenan, A. M. Noble, E. F. Lamb, Eugene Grissom, and A. H. Stubbs.

On so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to District Deputy Grand Masters:

Bros. A. H. A. Williams, Walter Clark, David Rosenthal, L. M. Totten, and J. H. Hill.

On so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to Non-affiliated Masons:

Bros. Robert Bingham, T. S. Kenan, S. H. Rountree, J. A. Leach, and W. E. Murchison.

The Grand Secretary presented the charges and specifications against I. R. Fuller, Master of Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412, preferred by three members of said Lodge,

which were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 1890.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. G. S. Smoot, S. L. Alderman and Donald Williams on the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, in place of absent members.

Reports of committees were presented as follows, and adopted.

By Bro. Robert Bingham, from the committee on so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to non-affiliated Masons:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your committee appointed to consider that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to non-affiliated Masons respectfully submit the following report :

That the subject presented is one of great interest to the fraternity, and should not be lightly considered, but should be disposed of in this Grand Jurisdiction after mature deliberation and exhaustive search into the precedents and authorities.

Your committee are in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master, and indorse his views and recommend their enforcement so far as may be practicable, and as the present laws, rules and regulations permit. In view of the difficulties presented the committee

recommend that a special committee of five be appointed to consider the subject in all its bearings and report to the next Annual Communication.

R. BINGHAM,
W. E. MURCHISON,
JAMES A. LEACH,
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
THOMAS S. KENAN.

Committee.

By Bro. J. A. Leach, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully examined the book records, by-laws and dispensation of Potecasi Lodge, under dispensation, find them all correct, and recommend that a charter be granted.

B. WALKER,
JAMES A. LEACH,
For Committee.

By Bro. W. E. Murchison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee having under consideration the proposition of certain members of Mebaneville Lodge, No. 272, now dormant, to revive said Lodge, to change its name, with the old number, to "Bingham Lodge," with authority to meet at Bingham School, and that their dues in arrears be remitted, respectfully report that they are of opinion that the prayer of petitioners should be granted, and so recommend.

W. H. McLAURIN,
B. W. HATCHER,
W. E. MURCHISON,
Committee.

By Bro. A. H. A. Williams, from the committee on so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to District Deputy Grand Masters:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in relation to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered this subject, and recommend,

1. That the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters is impracticable and inexpedient.

2. That the system of Grand Lecturers as heretofore existed is best suited to our present financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. A. WILLIAMS,
L. M. TOTTEN,
J. H. HILL,
D. ROSENTHAL,
WALTER CLARK,

Committee.

By Bro. H. C. Williams, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom were referred the books and vouchers of Bro. W. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, have carefully examined the same. We find the account correct and the proper vouchers exhibited for each item expended.

We would recommend that the insurance on the furniture, books, etc., of the Grand Secretary's office be increased to one thousand dollars, as suggested by the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. CLAY WILLIAMS,
W. H. SMITH,
C. B. EDWARDS,

Committee.

By Bro. Erskine Pope, from the Committee on the Books and Report of the Grand Secretary:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom were referred the books and report of the Grand Secretary beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and find them correct.

E. POPE,
J. A. P. CONOLEY,
S. I. SUTTON,

Committee.

A communication was received from President A. Q. Holladay, of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, inviting the members of the Grand Lodge to visit that institution this afternoon between one and four o'clock. On motion of Bro. F. L. Reid the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, for such members to attend as could between the hours designated.

Bro. Eugene Grissom presented the reports of Bros. W. P. Williams and A. J. Blair, Grand Lecturers, which were ordered to be filed.

Bro. S. H. Rountree presented his report as Grand Lecturer, which was ordered to be filed.

Bro. H. M. Cowan introduced the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That all transportation companies doing business in North Carolina are respectfully requested to transmit all donations to the Oxford Orphan Asylum, over their respective lines, free of charge ;

That this act of charity would be greatly appreciated by the Masons of North Carolina ;

That the Grand Secretary furnish the transportation companies in this State a copy of these resolutions, with the request that they comply with the same.

Bros. F. L. Reid, W. S. Creasy and W. R. Coppedge were appointed the Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 1890.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

Reports of committees were presented as follows and adopted:

By Bro. T. S. Kenan, from the Committee on Appeals:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Appeals have considered the appeal of James T. Lincoln from the action of Bayboro Lodge, No. 331—sentence, indefinite suspension—and recommend that a new trial be granted the accused, with the suggestion to the Lodge to settle the trouble by a committee of reference.

They have, also, considered the appeal of D. M. Stott from the action of Hatcher Lodge, No. 310—sentence, definite suspension for three months—and recommend that the action and sentence of the Lodge be affirmed.

THOMAS S. KENAN,

A. M. NOBLE,

A. H. STUBBS,

E. F. LAMB,

E. GRISSOM,

Committee.

By Bro. L. M. Totten, from the Committee on Unfinished Business:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business find on page twenty-nine, Proceedings of 1889, a record of the adoption of the report of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, recommending that proceedings be instituted against J. R. Brown, Master of Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344, under article seventeen (section two, page forty) of the Code, which should come up for consideration at this Annual Communication.

Also on page thirty-five, Proceedings of 1889, that the case of Farmington Lodge, No. 265, *vs.* S. C. Rich, was recommitted to Committee No. 2 on Suspensions and Expulsions, for a specified modified sentence, of which report we find no further record. This committee was composed of Bros. E. F. Lamb and W. E. Murchison.

Also on page thirty-eight the recommendation of same committee in case of Franklin Lodge, No. 109, *vs.* George W. Charlotte, in regard to the elimination of certain records from the transcript of said Lodge, and that the same be certified to this Annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. TOTTEN,
N. M. RICHMOND,
F. P. JONES,

Committee.

The Grand Secretary stated that proper notices had been issued from his office to Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344, and Franklin Lodge, No. 109, concerning the cases from said Lodges referred to in foregoing report, and that no response had been received.

Reports were further presented as follows, and adopted :

By Bro. T. M. McCrary, from Committee No. 1 on Returns of Lodges:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Committee No. 1 on Returns of Lodges beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of a large number of Lodges and find them correct, except the following, without seal :

Hiram Lodge, No. 98; Dan River, No. 129; Rolesville, No. 156; Archer, No. 165; Blackmer, No. 170.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS M. MCCRARY,
J. F. DOBSON,
GEORGE LAMPMAN,

Committee.

By Bro. C. F. Bahunson, from Committee No. 2 on Returns of Lodges:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 2 on Proceedings and Returns beg leave to submit the following report :

We have found the returns of the following Lodges correct :

Townesville, No. 182 ; Sandy Creek, No. 185 ; Pine Forest, No. 186 ; Central Cross, No. 187 ; Balfour, No. 188 ; Fair Bluff, No. 190 ; Granite, No. 191 ; Burnsville, No. 192 ; Cary, No. 198 ; Eagle Rock, No. 201 ; Cleveland, No. 202 ; Roanoke, No. 203 ; Berea, No. 204 ; Mingo, No. 206 ; Enno, No. 210 ; Richland, No. 214 ; William G. Hill, No. 218 ; Webster, No. 222 ; Wilson, No. 226 ; Jonesville, No. 227 ; McCormick, No. 228 ; Corinthian, No. 230 ; W. T. Bain, No. 231 ; Gunter, No. 232 ; Lenoir, No. 233 ; Archer, No. 234 ; Cokesbury, No. 235 ; Mystic Tie, No. 237 ; Atlantic, No. 238 ; Rountree, No. 243 ; Monroe, No. 244 ; Catawba, No. 248 ; Pythagoras, No. 249 ; Rockford, No. 251 ; Lily Valley, No. 252 ; Lee, No. 253 ; Beulah, No. 257 ; Harnett, No. 258 ; Waynesville, No. 259 ; Excelsior, No. 261 ; Hibriten, No. 262 ; Farmington, No. 265 ; Durbin, No. 266 ; Dunn's Rock, No. 267 ; Unaka, No. 268 ; Tabasco, No. 271 ; Watauga, No. 273 ; Beaver Dam, No. 276 ; Green Level, No. 277 ; Rehoboth, No. 279 ; Sapona, No. 280 ; Eureka, No. 283 ; Greenville, No. 284 ; Flat Creek, No. 285 ; Castalia, No. 286 ; Salem, No. 289 ; French Broad, No. 292 ; Stonewall, No. 296 ; Toisnot, No. 298 ; Hunting Creek, No. 299 ; Pamlico, No. 300 ; Clay, No. 301 ; Evergreen, No. 303 ; Pleasant Hill, No. 304 ; Laurinburg, No. 305 ; Galatia, No. 306 ; Patterson, No. 307 ; Randolph, No. 309.

The following have no Lodge seals attached :

Jefferson, No. 219 ; Henderson, No. 229 ; Vance, No. 293.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. BAHNSON,

JAMES M. SUTTON,

JAMES E. DELAMAR,

Committee.

By Bro. S. L. Alderman, from the Committee on the Orphan Asylum:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on the Orphan Asylum beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit :

That we have carefully considered the Address of the Grand Master, the Report of the Board of Directors and the Report of the Superintendent therewith submitted.

We find in none of these any recommendations or suggestions of changes to be made in the present administration of the affairs of the Asylum. Under the management and direction of our very estimable and wise Superintendent, Bro. B. F. Dixon, all is working smoothly and harmoniously.

Your committee are informed by Bro. Dixon that the Advisory Board, provided for in the report of the Asylum Committee, adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, has rendered very efficient and satisfactory aid to him in the discharge of his duties.

We regret that the Board of Directors have failed to meet as required by a resolution adopted at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, and we earnestly hope that this meeting will not be neglected in future, and that the Board will make report as provided in said resolution.

Finally, we recommend that the usual appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be made to the Orphan Asylum.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. SMOOT,
M. L. WINSTON,
R. T. STEPHENSON,
DONALD WILLIAMS,
S. L. ALDERMAN,

Committee.

By Bro. B. W. Hatcher, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, recommend that Lewis L. Meyer, formerly of Kinston Lodge, No. 316, now dormant, be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry;

That the application of W. G. Turrentine, Eagle Lodge, No. 71, be referred to said Lodge for restoration.

W. H. McLAURIN,
B. W. HATCHER,
H. CLAY WILLIAMS,

Committee.

By Bro. W. E. Murchison, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee upon Propositions and Grievances, to which was referred the petition of Bro. William Hatcher for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he having been indefinitely suspended by his Lodge, Cape Fear, No. 394, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the said petition and are of the opinion that the same should be referred to said Lodge for action in the premises, suggesting that, should they decline the relief prayed for, an appeal might lie to this Grand Lodge.

With reference to the charges and specifications preferred by three members of Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412, against Bro. I. R. Fuller, Worshipful Master of said Lodge, your committee desire to report that they have patiently listened to the evidence and testimony offered by the accusers and the accused, and the arguments and views of the counsel for the respective parties, and have carefully considered each specification, and do respectfully make the following recommendations :

1st. As to specification first : That the evidence produced by the accusers having, in the opinion of the committee, failed to show any masonic offense committed by the accused, but, on the contrary, having fully established his innocence, this Grand Lodge find the accused "not guilty," and so declare.

2d. As to the second specification : The evidence having entirely failed to show any masonic offense committed by the accused, but, on the contrary, showing, to the satisfaction of your committee, the innocence of the accused and utmost good faith on his part, they recommend that this Grand Lodge find the accused "not guilty," and so declare.

3d. As to the third, fourth and fifth specifications : There being no evidence or testimony offered tending to prove the guilt of accused on these specifications, your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge find the accused "not guilty," and so declare.

4th. As to the sixth specification : Your committee, being of opinion that there was absolutely no evidence shown upon the hearing tending to prove the accused guilty as charged, do recommend that this Grand Lodge find the accused "not guilty," and so declare.

5th. As to the 7th specification : Your committee, being of opinion that the charges in same, if taken to be true, do not, as stated, constitute a masonic offense, and being further of opinion that the accused had no *intent* to do wrong, and, according to the evidence, did *not* do wrong, respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge find the accused "not guilty," and that it so declare.

6th. That, in view of the opinions above set forth, your committee further recommend that this Grand Lodge find the accused "not guilty" of the *charge*, and that it so declare.

Further reporting, your committee say that the accusers earnestly contested and insisted that they should have further time to collect and produce evidence and testimony upon the charge and specifications. Your committee, fully realizing the fact that any charge preferred against the Worshipful Master of a Subordinate Lodge must seriously affect him while pending, and being of opinion that the said accusers have been guilty of *laches*, according to their own statements, declined to defer an investigation and proceeded to take the evidence bearing upon the charge and specifications.

There was evidence upon the part of the accused that he is a man of excellent character, and has been for forty years a Mason of good standing.

Your committee, in view of all the evidence, are of opinion that the accused has done no act justifying a verdict of "guilty" by this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. McLAURIN,

B. W. HATCHER,

W. E. MURCHISON,

H. CLAY WILLIAMS,

Committee.

By Bro. Bernice Walker, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the records, by-laws and other papers of Lodges under dispensation, and recommend that charters be granted the following Lodges, with numbers and localities as follows :

Greenwood, No. 419, Godwin, Cumberland county ; Harmon, No. 420, Cross Roads Church, Yadkin county ; Boonville, No. 421, Boonville, Yadkin county ; Yadkin Falls, No. 422, Mauney's Mill, Stanly county ; Sparta, No. 423, Sparta, Alleghany county ; Baltimore, No. 424, Conrad's, Yadkin county ; Eastern Star, No. 425, Green Mountain, Yancey county ; Montgomery, No. 426, Ranger, Cherokee county ; Oconee, No. 427, Bryson City, Swain county.

In some instances irregularities in keeping the records have been noted for the attention of the Lodges and correction.

B. WALKER,
B. W. HATCHER,
ELIAS ROSE,
J. A. LEACH,
W. R. COPPEDGE,
A. L. BROOKS,

Committee.

Bro. H. A. Gudger introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the question of the status of a Mason who has been tried and convicted, and who appeals to the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and that they be requested to report their views on this subject as soon as practicable to the Grand Lodge.

Bros. T. S. Kenan, E. F. Lamb and W. E. Moore were appointed on the Committee on Jurisprudence, in place of absent members, to serve during this Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. H. A. Gudger, it was ordered that the work in the F. C. degree be exemplified this evening.

Bro. M. P. Taylor introduced the following resolution, which was read, and, on motion of Bro. H. A. Gudger, made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Wilmington.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 1890.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

Bro. D. W. Bain, on behalf of Bro. E. S. Martin, chairman, who is absent, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by Bro. Martin.

The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in these proceedings.

APPENDIX.

Bro. F. L. Reid, for the Committee on Fraternal Dead, asked and obtained leave to prepare their report after the close of the Annual Communication, owing to absence of data, and deliver the same to the Grand Secretary for publication in these proceedings.

The report was subsequently presented, and is as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead report the death of one Past Grand Officer, viz., R. W., Bro. Luke Blackmer, of Salisbury, Past Senior Grand Warden. A friend of the family has kindly furnished us an obituary notice, from which we take the following:

"Luke Blackmer was born at Wheatland, N. Y., on the 26th of September, 1824, and died in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, February 9th, 1889, aged sixty-four years, four months and fourteen days. He graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and embraced the law as a profession and obtained license in his native State. In 1845, Mr. Blackmer came to North Carolina, selecting Salisbury as his home. Since that time, with the exception of a short residence at Gold Hill, in this county, this has been his home, and he was thoroughly identified with every in-

terest of the people. One of his first business transactions after coming to this State was to settle, as referee, the affairs of the Gold Hill Mining Company. In this, as in all other business engagements, he proved faithful to his trust and administered the affairs satisfactorily to all persons interested. He was a careful, painstaking man, closely attending to his business, and could always be found at his office when wanted. By this means he gained the confidence of the people and secured a lucrative practice. He was also an active and zealous Mason, instituting and organizing Lodges, several of which are named Blackmer, in compliment to him. In 1846, Mr. Blackmer was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church, and was an active, enthusiastic, zealous, earnest Christian. In 1855 he was married in Wadesboro, N. C., to the oldest daughter of Major S. W. Cole, at present President of the First National Bank of Salisbury. Of this union three sons and one daughter were born, all of whom, with their widowed mother, are left to mourn their sad loss. The family circle remained unbroken for nearly thirty-four years, the dread reaper first removing the honored and loved head. For some time past Mr. Blackmer had had a presentiment that his death would be sudden, and he had so intimated to his family. The remains were laid to rest in the new cemetery Monday morning, being followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends."

A few years after Bro. Blackmer came to Salisbury he became a member of Palestine Lodge, No. 120, of Masons, at Gold Hill, Rowan county. He afterwards moved his membership to Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Salisbury. He served that Lodge as Master.

He was Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge in 1850, and Senior Grand Warden in 1851-'52-'53.

The returns from the Lodges show that one hundred and thirty-three members have died during the year. We recognize among them names of a number of brethren who have been prominent in the deliberations of this Grand Body.

The committee have examined the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges received during the past masonic year, and append the names of the most prominent Masons whose deaths are therein given. The list shows that some of the wisest and most trusty leaders of the craft in general have fallen :

ALABAMA—Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, whose death was noticed last year by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The epitaph on his memorial page is in these expressive words : "Faithful unto Death."

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Coote M. Chambers, Past Grand Master.

DELAWARE—Edwin J. Horner, Past Grand Master, and Benjamin N. Ogle, Past Grand Secretary, both aged brethren.

FLORIDA—This jurisdiction has the sympathy of the country in the severe loss sustained in the death of many of its esteemed and energetic craftsmen during the scourge of yellow fever in the city of Jacksonville, in the summer and fall of 1888.

GEORGIA—Joseph E. Wells, aged seventy-five years and five days. He had been Grand Treasurer thirty-nine years, dying in office.

ILLINOIS—Alexander T. Darrah, Past Grand Master, a distinguished physician and popular citizen.

IOWA—Ozias P. Waters, Past Grand Master, who in his service "earned fame and won the esteem of his fellow-men and brothers."

MASSACHUSETTS—William Sewall Gardner, Past Grand Master, whose reputation as a Mason was national. He had served as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. He was a man of distinguished ability.

MICHIGAN—J. Eastman Johnson, Past Grand Master, and also Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, aged eighty-three years. He was prominent in civil life.

MISSISSIPPI—Joseph Warren Speight, Past Grand Master, who had removed to Texas and died in that State. He was one of the early leaders of the craft in Mississippi, and enjoyed the esteem of his brethren.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Nathaniel W. Cumner and William Barrett, Past Grand Masters.

NEW MEXICO—David J. Miller, the first Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction.

NEW SOUTH WALES—James S. Farnell, Past Grand Master, and a distinguished citizen in civil life.

NEW YORK—Joseph D. Evans, Past Grand Master, aged more than eighty years. He was a useful citizen. John W. Simons, Past Grand Master, aged sixty-eight years. He had filled many stations in Masonry creditably to himself. He was a masonic author, and his works are left to the craft as a valuable inheritance, and as a memento of his devotion to and labors for Masonry. For many years he was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in his Grand Lodge, and in this he exhibited ability and knowledge which gave him a national reputation in the fraternity.

OHIO—Alexander H. Newcomb, Senior Past Grand Master of that jurisdiction, aged sixty-four years.

OREGON—Berryman Jennings, first Grand Master of that jurisdiction, aged eighty-one years.

RHODE ISLAND—Newton D. Arnold, Ariel Ballou and James Hutchinson, Past Grand Masters.

UTAH—Myron G. Foot, Junior Grand Warden, whose death was occasioned by an accident.

VIRGINIA—William Terry, Past Grand Master, whose death was caused by accidental drowning. He was a distinguished citizen and highly esteemed.

WEST VIRGINIA—Thomas H. Logan, Past Grand Master. He was the first Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge. He was greatly beloved as a citizen and Mason.

WISCONSIN—Benjamin T. Kavanaugh, first Grand Master of Wisconsin, aged eighty-three years, and Jedd P. C. Cottrill, Past Grand Master. Both were popular as men of high character.

F. L. REID,
W. S. CREASY,
W. R. COPPEDGE,
Committee.

Bro. W. P. Terrell, from Committee No. 3 on Returns of Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We your Committee No. 3 on Returns of Lodges report that we have examined the returns of the following Lodges, and have found them correct, namely:

Hatcher, No. 310; King Solomon, No. 313; New Lebanon No. 314; Jerusalem, No. 315; Selma, No. 320; White Hill, No. 321; Granite, No. 322; Fayetteville, No. 329; Black Creek, No. 330; Bayboro, No. 331; Lock's Creek, No. 333; Ionic, No. 337; Harmony, No. 340; Trap Hill, No. 346; Hickory, No. 343; Mount Mourne, No. 347; Durham, No. 352; Moravian, No. 353; Dellaplane, No. 355; East La Port, No. 358; Mount Vernon, No. 359; Mayon, No. 360; Snow, No. 363; Mount Pisgah, No. 368; Air Line, No. 369; Mars Hill, No. 370; Elk, No. 373; State Line, No. 375; Youngsville, No. 377; Seaboard, No. 378; Coharie, No. 379; Shawnee, No. 382; Statesville, No. 383; Scottville, No. 385; Kedron, No. 387; Temperance, No. 389; Copeland, No. 390; Lebanon, No. 391; White Rock, No. 392; Tally Ho, No. 393; Cape Fear, No. 394; Orient, No. 395; Oxford, No. 396; Conoho, No. 399; Joppa, No. 401; Dobson, No. 402; Siler City, No. 403; Farmers, No. 404; Ocean, No. 405; Ivy, No. 406; Liberty Grove, No. 407; Bula, No. 409; Asheville, No. 410; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Royal, No. 413; Wilton, No. 414; Oak Grove, No. 415; Bellview, No. 416.

We find the following returns deficient in the summary :

Fairview, No. 339 ; Stanly, No. 348 ; Bethel, No. 372 ; Granville, No. 380 ; Bald Creek, No. 397.

We find the following returns without seals :

Double Shoal, No. 356 ; Craighead, No. 366 ; Bethel, No. 372 ; Bald Creek, No. 397.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. TERRELL,

W. C. L. HULCHER,

J. D. PEEBLES,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Bros. W. E. Murchison, David Rosenthal and W. E. Moore acting as tellers.

The following were elected:

SAMUEL H. SMITH-----*Grand Master.*

HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER-----*Deputy Grand Master.*

JOHN W. COTTEN-----*Senior Grand Warden.*

FRANCIS M. MOYE-----*Junior Grand Warden.*

WILLIAM. E. ANDERSON--*Grand Treasurer.*

DONALD W. BAIN-----*Grand Secretary.*

The term of Bro. C. T. Bailey, Director of the Orphan Asylum, having expired, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Director for a term of five years, and Bro. C. T. Bailey was elected.

Bro. J. A. Leach moved that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the installation of Grand Officers to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The motion prevailed and Bros. J. A. Leach, A. H. A. Williams and T. L. Emry were appointed the committee.

Bro. W. H. McLaurin, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your committee to whom was re-referred the petition of Bro. C. C. Newton, asking restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, respectfully report that they have considered the petition anew, and have examined the proceedings of Forestville Lodge, No. 282, which said proceedings show that the said brother was expelled by the ballot of his Lodge, declared to be unanimous. Your committee are loth to disturb the judgment and decree of said Lodge without good reason to do so, and not being authorized, or being willing, to set a precedent in respect to the charge, under the peculiar circumstances attending this case, they refer the case, with all its appurtenances, to the Grand Lodge for final action.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. McLAURIN,
B. W. HATCHER,
W. E. MURCHISON,
J. F. MORPHEW,
H. CLAY WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Bro. W. H. McLaurin, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your committee to whom were referred the papers in case of Richland Lodge, No. 214, *vs.* John R. Brown, W. M. of N. F. Reid Lodge, No. 344, beg leave to report that the charges preferred by Richland Lodge, No. 214, are not authorized or admissible under article seventeen, section two, page forty, of the Code.

They recommend that the aforesaid charges against Worshipful Master J. R. Brown, of N. F. Reid Lodge, No. 344, be dismissed.

W. H. McLAURIN,
W. E. MURCHISON,
B. W. HATCHER,
H. C. WILLIAMS,
J. F. MORPHEW,
Committee.

The report was read and discussed. On motion of Bro. F. H. Busbee, the yeas and nays, by Lodges, were demanded upon its adoption.

The report was not adopted—yeas ninety-six, nays two hundred and forty.

Bro. J. F. Morphew moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and, on motion of Bro. F. H. Busbee, said motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Bro. F. H. Busbee, this case was referred to the Grand Master, or three discreet Master Masons to be appointed by him in his discretion, to investigate the same and report at the next Annual Communication.

A further report was presented by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, recommending relief to certain Lodges in response to their application, which was adopted, and, in compliance with the Code, is not published.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10:15 o'clock.

The work in the Fellow Craft's degree was exemplified under the auspices of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Bro. B. W. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer, presiding, Bro. W. H. Bain, and E. A. in said Lodge, being the candidate.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 16th, 1890.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. W. H. McLaurin introduced the following amendment to the Code, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report on the same at the next Annual Communication :

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 2, of the Code, entitled "Master of Lodge," as follows :

The Master of a Lodge can be tried by the Grand Lodge only as follows :

1st. For offenses committed in his own jurisdiction, on charges preferred by three members of his Lodge ;

2d. For offenses against other subordinate jurisdictions, on charges preferred by one of the principal officers and three members of said subordinate jurisdiction ;

3d. For offenses in the Grand Lodge, on charges preferred by the Junior Grand Warden on the order of the Grand Master.

The special order was announced, viz., the installation of the Grand Officers.

Bro. J. A. Leach, from the committee to arrange for the installation ceremonies, reported that M. W., Fabius H. Busbee, P. G. M., would perform the service.

The Grand Master-elect announced his appointments.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Busbee as follows, Bro. T. S. Kenan acting as Grand Marshal:

ELECTED OFFICERS.

SAMUEL H. SMITH ----- *Grand Master.*

HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER ---- *Deputy Grand Master.*

JOHN W. COTTEN ----- *Senior Grand Warden.*

FRANCIS M. MOYE ----- *Junior Grand Warden.*

WILLIAM E. ANDERSON --- *Grand Treasurer.*

DONALD W. BAIN ----- *Grand Secretary.*

 APPOINTED OFFICERS.

FRANK L. REID	-----	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
WALTER S. CREASY	-----	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
WILLIAM A. BLAIR	-----	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
ENOCH F. LAMB	-----	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
WALTER E. MOORE	-----	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
JAMES A. LEACH	-----	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
LOGAN M. TOTTEN	-----	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
HENRY M. COWAN	(per W. P. Terrell),	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
ROBERT H. BRADLEY	-----	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Eugene Grissom Grand Lecturer, and he was installed.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams, from the Committee on that part of the Grand Master's Address relating to District Deputy Grand Masters, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address in relation to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That the Grand Master shall appoint one Grand Lecturer who shall have charge of the secret work, and who, together with the Grand Master, shall be the custodian of the work.

2. That the Grand Master shall appoint as many Assistant Grand Lecturers as the necessity of the jurisdiction may require, who shall be commissioned as such upon the certificate of proficiency made by the Grand Lecturer.

3. It shall be the special duty of the Grand Lecturer to confer with the Assistant Grand Lecturers and instruct them, if necessary, in order that the work may be uniform in all the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

4. The expenses and proper compensation of the Grand Lecturer and Assisiant Grand Lecturers shall be defrayed by the subordinate Lodges asking their services.

5. It is recommended that all the subordinate Lodges ask the services of one of the Grand Lecturers during each masonic year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. A. WILLIAMS,

J. H. HILL,

D. ROSENTHAL,

WALTER CLARK,

L. M. TOTTEN,

Committee.

Bro. F. M. Moye introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge a Grand Orator, who shall pronounce an oration on some masonic subject at the next ensuing Annual Communication.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. W. A. Blair the Grand Orator for the next Annual Communication.

Bro. Eugene Grissom, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported back the resolution of Bro. H. A. Gudger concerning the status of a Mason pending action on his appeal to the Grand Lodge, and asked leave to report at the next Annual Communication, which was granted.

The resolution of Bro. M. P. Taylor, introduced yesterday afternoon, viz., that the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Wilmington, was taken up.

On motion of Bro. H. A. Gudger, the resolution was laid on the table, in view of the requirements of the Code that the Annual Communications shall be held in the city of Raleigh.

Bro. T. S. Kenan, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Appeals have considered the several appeals of H. F. Brandon, J. C. Griffith and George Williamson from the action of

Clinton Lodge, No. 107—indefinite suspension in each case—and report as follows :

They recommend, unanimously, that the sentence of the Lodge be affirmed as to H. F. Brandon and J. C. Griffith.

A majority of the committee recommend that the sentence in the case of George Williamson be reversed ; a minority of the committee recommend that the sentence in said case be affirmed.

A. M. NOBLE,
EUGENE GRISSOM,
A. H. STUBBS,
Majority of Committee.

THOMAS S. KENAN,
E. F. LAMB,
Minority of Committee.

The recommendation of the committee in the cases of J. C. Griffith and H. F. Brandon was agreed to. The minority report recommending that the action in the case of George Williamson be affirmed, was adopted.

Bro. B. W. Hatcher, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the records and papers of two Lodges, U. D., and recommend that charters be granted them as follows :

Stokesdale, No. 428, Stokesdale, Guilford county ; Sea-side, No. 429, Swansboro, Onslow county.

Fraternally submitted,

B. W. HATCHER,
J. A. LEACH,
ELIAS ROSE,
W. R. COPPEDGE,
Committee.

Bro. J. F. Morpew submitted the following amendment to the Code, which was read and postponed until the next Annual Communication:

Amend Section 3, Article XVI, of the Code, by adding after the word *seniority* in the second line, the following :

In the absence of the Master and Wardens from a Communication a Past Master of said Lodge may open the Lodge and preside.

On motion of Bro. L. M. Totten, the case of S. C. Rich, from Farmington Lodge, No. 265, referred to on page thirty-five of proceedings of the last Annual Communication, was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. The committee subsequently reported, recommending definite suspension for two months from this date (January 16th, 1890), which was adopted.

On motion of Bro. F. L. Reid, it was ordered that the work in the Master Mason's degree be exemplified this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Resolutions were introduced as follows, and adopted:

By Bro. J. F. Morpew:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to transportation companies of this State, and hotels and boarding-houses of this city, that have extended courtesies of reduced rates to the members of this Body.

By Bro. L. M. Totten:

Resolved, That this Grand Body hereby expresses its thanks to members of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, and William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, of this city, for special attention and courtesies received during this Annual Communication.

By Bro. F. M. Moye:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby expressed to the Grand Master, Samuel H. Smith, for the satisfactory manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the present Annual Communication.

By Bro. J. F. Morpew:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be directed to include in the proceedings of this Annual Communication the names of the officers and members of the Lodges.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. John W. Hays, N. A. Gregory and J. M. Currin the Advisory Board for the Orphan Asylum for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 16th, 1890.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

The work in the Master Mason's degree was exemplified by Hiram Lodge, No. 40. R. W., Bro. Eugene Grissom, Grand Lecturer, presided, assisted by Bros. B. W. Hatcher and Dudley Peed, Grand Lecturers. Bro. W. H. Bain, a F. C. of said Lodge, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W., Bro. Hezekiah A. Gudger, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, the Grand Master having retired.

The following committees were announced for the ensuing year:

On Jurisprudence:

Bros. F. H. Busbee, Eugene Grissom, Thomas S. Kenan, Robert Bingham and S. H. Rountree.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Bros. W. H. McLaurin, W. T. Caho and W. E. Murchison.

On Foreign Correspondence:

Bros. Eugene S. Martin, Donald W. Bain and Walter S. Creasy.

On Orphan Asylum:

Bros. J. W. Hays, S. L. Alderman, M. L. Winston, W. H. Mitchell and R. T. Stephenson.

On Printing:

Bros. W. E. Anderson, D. W. Bain and F. L. Reid.

On Credentials:

Bros. R. A. Draughon, J. R. Brown and A. L. Blow.

Special Committee on Non-affiliated Masons, as provided for in report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address:

Bros. Thomas S. Kenan, F. H. Busbee, Robert Bingham, H. M. Cowan and Robert T. Gray.

Said committee was instructed to make its report at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its labors, the proceedings of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge, at 5 o'clock and 50 minutes P. M., was closed in due form by the Deputy Grand Master.

SAMUEL H. SMITH,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's	1	Wilmington	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart	2	Halifax	Halifax.
St. John's	3	New Berne	Craven.
Charity	5	Windsor	Bertie.
Unanimity	7	Edenton	Chowan.
Phoenix	8	Fayetteville	Cumberland.
American George	17	Murfreesboro	Hertford.
Phalanx	31	Charlotte	Mecklenburg.
Stokes	32	Concord	Cabarrus.
Davie	39	Roxobel	Bertie.
Hiram	40	Raleigh	Wake.
Hall	53	Indian Town	Currituck.
King Solomon	56	Jackson	Northampton.
Concord	58	Tarboro	Edgecombe.
Kilwinning	64	Wadesboro	Anson.
Eagle	71	Hillsboro	Orange.
Golden Fleece	74	Milton	Caswell.
Widow's Son	75	Camden C. H.	Camden.
Greensboro	76	Greensboro	Guilford.
Zion	81	Trenton	Jones.
LaFayette	83	Jacksonville	Onslow.
Fellowship	84	Smithfield	Johnston.
Morning Star	85	Nashville	Nash.
Skewarkey	90	Williamston	Martin.
Western Star	91	Rutherfordton	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren	92	Moyton	Wilson.
Jerusalem	95	Hookerton	Greene.
St. John's	96	Kinston	Lenoir.
Wake Forest	97	Neuse	Wake.
Hiram	98	Clinton	Sampson.
Fulton	99	Salisbury	Rowan.
Orr	104	Washington	Beaufort.
Perquimans	106	Hertford	Perquimans.
Clinton	107	Yanceyville	Caswell.
Belmont	108	Faison	Duplin.
Franklin	109	Beaufort	Carteret.
Wayne	112	Goldsboro	Wayne.
Person	113	Roxboro	Person.
Holly Spring	115	Holly Spring	Wake.
Mount Lebanon	117	Wilson	Wilson.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mount Hermon	118	Asheville	Buncombe.
Franklinton	123	Franklinton	Franklin.
Mill Creek	125	Newton Grove	Sampson.
Gatesville	126	Gatesville	Gates.
Blackmer	127	Mount Gilead	Montgomery.
Hanks	128	Franklinsville	Randolph.
Dan River	129	Madison	Rockingham.
Mocksville	134	Mocksville	Davie.
Lincoln	137	Lincolnton	Lincoln.
King Solomon	138	Burgaw	Pender.
Mount Energy	140	Mount Energy	Granville.
Carolina	141	Ansonville	Anson.
Mount Vernon	143	Ore Hill	Chatham.
Junaluskee	145	Franklin	Macon.
Palmyra	147	Dunn	Harnett.
Adoniram	149	Adoniram	Granville.
Chalmers	151	Carbonton	Moore.
White Stone	155	Rosinburg	Wake.
Rolesville	156	Rolesville	Wake.
Mount Pleasant	157	Rogers' Store	Wake.
Knap of Reeds	158	Knap of Reeds	Granville.
Rock Rest	161	Hadley's Mills	Chatham.
Yadkin	162	Yadkinville	Yadkin.
Deep River	164	Foust's Mills	Randolph.
Archer	165	Archer Lodge	Johnston.
Winston	167	Winston	Forsyth.
Pleasant Hill	168	Liberty	Randolph.
Blackmer	170	Weaverville	Buncombe.
Buffalo	172	Jonesboro	Moore.
George Washington	174	Elm Grove	Chatham.
Pollokville	175	Pollokville	Jones.
Mecklenburg	176	Davidson College	Mecklenburg.
Siloam	178	Harrell's Store	Sampson.
Townesville	182	Townesville	Vance.
Sandy Creek	185	Stallings	Franklin.
*Pine Forest	186	Swann's Stat. (Moore)	Harnett.
Central Cross	187	Hunt's	Nash.
Balfour	188	Asheboro	Randolph.
Fair Bluff	190	Fair Bluff	Columbus.
Granite	191	Clayton	Johnston.
Burnsville	192	Burnsville	Yancey.
Cary	198	Cary	Wake.
Eagle Rock	201	Eagle Rock	Wake.
Cleveland	202	Shelby	Cleveland.
Roanoke	203	Weldon	Halifax.
Berea	204	Oxford	Granville.
Mingo	206	Bass	Sampson.
Lebanon	207	Whiteville	Columbus.
Randleman	209	Randleman	Randolph.
Eno	210	Durham	Durham.
Thomasville	214	Thomasville	Davidson.
William G. Hill	218	Raleigh	Wake.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Jefferson	219	Jefferson	Ashe.
Webster	222	Bismarck	Johnston.
Wilson	226	Olin	Iredell.
*Jonesville	227	Elkin (Surry)	Yadkin.
McCormick	228	Broadway	Moore.
Corinthian	230	Rocky Mount	Nash.
William T. Bain	231	Banks	Wake.
Gunter	232	Haywood	Chatham.
Lenoir	233	LaGrange	Lenoir.
Anchor	234	Auburn	Wake.
Cokesbury	235	May	Harnett.
Mystic Tie	237	Marion	McDowell.
Atlantic	238	Currituck C. H.	Currituck.
*Rountree	243	Bell's Ferry (Pitt) ..	Lenoir.
Monroe	244	Monroe	Union.
Pythagoras	249	Southport	Brunswick.
Rockford	251	Rockford	Surry.
Lily Valley	252	Sunbury	Gates.
Lee	253	Taylorsville	Alexander.
Beulah	257	Bagley	Johnston.
Harnett	258	Winslow	Harnett.
Waynesville	259	Waynesville	Haywood.
Excelsior	261	Charlotte	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten	262	Lenoir	Caldwell.
Farmington	265	Farmington	Davie.
Durbin	266	Blockers	Cumberland.
Dunn's Rock	267	Brevard	Transylvania.
Unaka	268	Webster	Jackson.
Tabasco	271	Gibsonville	Guilford.
Bingham	272	Bingham School	Orange.
Watauga	273	Boone	Watauga.
Beaver Dam	276	Beaver Dam	Union.
Green Level	277	Ellington	Wake.
Rehoboth	279	Teachy's	Duplin.
Sapona	280	Tysor's Mills	Chatham.
Eureka	283	China Grove	Rowan.
Greenville	284	Greenville	Pitt.
Flat Creek	285	Fall Creek	Chatham.
Cedar Rock	286	Cedar Rock	Franklin.
Salem	289	Salem	Forsyth.
French Broad	292	Marshall	Madison.
Vance	293	Democrat	Buncombe.
Atlantic	294	Swan Quarter	Hyde.
Stonewall	296	Robersonville	Martin.
Toisnot	298	Toisnot	Wilson.
Hunting Creek	299	Eagle Mills	Iredell.
Pamlico	300	Aurora	Beaufort.
Clay	301	Hayesville	Clay.
*Evergreen	303	Swann's Stat. (Moore) ..	Harnett.
*Pleasant Hill	304	Kinston (Lenoir)	Jones.
Laurinburg	305	Laurinburg	Richmond.
Galatia	306	Fayetteville	Cumberland.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Patterson -----	307	Mount Pleasant -----	Cabarrus.
Randolph -----	309	Ophir -----	Randolph.
Hatcher -----	310	Wilson -----	Wilson.
Notla -----	312	England's Point -----	Cherokee.
King Solomon -----	313	Lumber Bridge -----	Robeson.
New Lebanon -----	314	South Mills -----	Camden.
Jerusalem -----	315	Jerusalem -----	Davie.
Eureka -----	317	Elizabeth City -----	Pasquotank.
Wilmington -----	319	Wilmington -----	New Hanover.
Selma -----	320	Selma -----	Johnston.
White Hill -----	321	Greenwood -----	Moore.
Granite -----	322	Mount Airy -----	Surry.
Falling Creek -----	325	Mount Olive -----	Wayne.
Winton -----	327	Winton -----	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet -----	328	Lake Landing -----	Hyde.
Fayetteville -----	329	Fayetteville -----	Cumberland.
Black Creek -----	330	Black Creek -----	Wilson.
Bayboro -----	331	Bayboro -----	Pamlico.
Lock's Creek -----	333	Wade -----	Cumberland.
Ashpole -----	335	Plainview -----	Robeson.
Ionic -----	337	Kittrell -----	Vance.
Palmyra -----	338	Palmyra -----	Halifax.
Fair View -----	339	King's Mountain -----	Cleveland.
Harmony -----	340	Pikeville -----	Wayne.
Rock Spring -----	341	Denver -----	Lincoln.
Cedar Fork -----	342	Morrisville -----	Wake.
Hickory -----	343	Hickory -----	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid -----	344	High Point -----	Guilford.
Trap Hill -----	346	Trap Hill -----	Wilkes.
Mount Mourne -----	347	Mount Mourne -----	Iredell.
Stanly -----	348	Albemarle -----	Stanly.
Durham -----	352	Durham -----	Durham.
Moravian -----	353	Moravian Falls -----	Wilkes.
Dellaplane -----	355	Dellaplane -----	Wilkes.
Double Shoal -----	356	Cleveland Mills -----	Cleveland.
Bakersville -----	357	Bakersville -----	Mitchell.
East La Port -----	358	East La Port -----	Jackson.
Mount Vernon -----	359	Stonewall -----	Pamlico.
Mayon -----	360	Ammon -----	Bladen.
Iredell -----	362	Mooresville -----	Iredell.
Snow -----	363	Sugar Grove -----	Watauga.
Cumberland -----	364	Gray's Creek -----	Cumberland.
Craighead -----	366	Huntersville -----	Mecklenburg.
Mount Pisgah -----	368	Williams' Mill -----	Chatham.
Air Line -----	369	Gastonia -----	Gaston.
Mars Hill -----	370	Mars Hill -----	Madison.
Olive Branch -----	371	Garner -----	Wake.
Bethel -----	372	Madra -----	Anson.
*Elk -----	373	Elk Cross Roads (Ashe) -----	Watauga.
Campbell -----	374	Granite Hill -----	Iredell.
State Line -----	375	Grover -----	Cleveland.
Youngville -----	377	Youngville -----	Franklin.
Seaboard -----	378	Seaboard -----	Northampton.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Coharie	379	Huntley	Sampson.
Granville	380	Grissom	Granville.
Forest City	381	Forest City	Rutherford.
Shawnee	382	Monbo	Catawba.
Statesville	383	Statesville	Iredell.
Reidsville	384	Reidsville	Rockingham.
Scottsville	385	Furches	Ashe.
Pigeon River	386	Pigeon River	Haywood.
Kedron	387	Hendersonville	Henderson.
Moorestboro	388	Moorestboro	Cleveland.
Temperance	389	Coxville	Pitt.
Copeland	390	Copeland	Surry.
Lebanon	391	Hope Mills	Cumberland.
White Rock	392	White Rock	Madison.
Tally Ho	393	Tally Ho	Granville.
Cape Fear	394	Little River Academy	Cumberland.
Orient	395	Wilmington	New Hanover.
Oxford	396	Oxford	Granville.
Bald Creek	397	Briggsville (Madison)	Yancey.
Centre	398	Alexander	Buncombe.
Conoho	399	Hamilton	Martin.
Newfound	400	Leicester	Buncombe.
Joppa	401	Old Fort	McDowell.
Dobson	402	Dobson	Surry.
Siler City	403	Siler City	Chatham.
Farmer's	404	Farmer's	Randolph.
Ocean	405	Morehead City	Carteret.
Ivy	406	Paint Fork	Madison.
Liberty Grove	407	Bowles	Wilkes.
University	408	Chapel Hill	Orange.
Bula	409	Burlington	Alamance.
Asheville	410	Asheville	Buncombe.
Rockville	411	Stanhope	Nash.
Henry F. Grainger	412	Dabney	Vance.
Royal	413	Royal	Franklin.
Wilton	414	Wilton	Granville.
Oak Grove	415	Purlear	Wilkes.
Bellview	416	Cobbs	Cherokee.
Maxton	417	Maxton	Robeson.
Potecasi	418	Potecasi	Northampton.
Greenwood	419	Godwin	Cumberland.
Harmon	420	Cross Roads Church	Yadkin.
Boonville	421	Boonville	Yadkin.
Yadkin Falls	422	Milledgeville (M'tgm'y)	Stanly.
Sparta	423	Sparta	Alleghany.
Baltimore	424	Conrads	Yadkin.
Eastern Star	425	Green Mountain	Yancey.
Montgomery	426	Ranger	Cherokee.
Oconee	427	Bryson City	Swain.
Stokesdale	428	Stokesdale	Guilford.
Sea-Side	429	Swansboro	Onslow.

*The names in parenthesis indicate the county in which the post-office of the Lodge is located.

STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF
LODGES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The asterisk (*) before certain Lodges indicates that the dates of regular Communications are taken from last returns received previous to the year 1889.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's -----	1	Second Tuesday in each month.
Royal White Hart --	2	Third Wednesday evening.
St. John's -----	3	Second Wednesday evening.
Charity -----	5	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Unanimity -----	7	First Tuesday evening.
Phoenix -----	8	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
American George ---	17	First Thursday.
Phalanx -----	31	Second and fourth Monday.
Stokes -----	32	Monday night before full moon.
Davie -----	39	Friday before third Sunday.
Hiram -----	40	Third Monday evening, December 27.
Hall -----	53	First Saturday.
King Solomon -----	56	First Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Concord -----	58	First and third Friday evening.
Kilwinning -----	64	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Eagle -----	71	Friday evening on or before full moon, Tues- day evening of Superior Court.
Golden Fleece -----	74	First Saturday.
Widow's Son -----	75	Third Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Greensboro -----	76	Second and fourth Friday evenings.
Zion -----	81	Third Wednesday.
LaFayette -----	83	Third Saturday.
Fellowship -----	84	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Courts.
*Morning Star -----	85	Fourth Saturday.
Skewarkey -----	90	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings.
Western Star -----	91	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December, 27.
Joseph Warren ----	92	First Thursday at 11 A. M., and third Monday at 7:30 P. M.
Jerusalem -----	95	Second Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
St. John's -----	96	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
Wake Forest -----	97	Saturday before second Sunday.
Hiram -----	98	Third Friday at 11 o'clock A. M.
Fulton -----	99	First and third Friday evenings.
Orr -----	104	First and Third Tuesday evenings.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Perquinians -----	106	Every Tuesday evening.
Clinton -----	107	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Belmont -----	108	First Saturday.
Franklin -----	109	First Monday evening.
Wayne -----	112	First and third Monday.
Holly Spring -----	115	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Mount Lebanon -----	117	First and third Monday evenings.
Mount Hermon -----	118	First Thursday evening.
Franklinton -----	123	Last Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mill Creek -----	125	First Friday, December 27.
Gatesville -----	126	First Monday.
*Blackmer -----	127	First Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Hanks -----	128	Third Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
Dan River -----	129	Saturday before second Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mocksville -----	134	Third Friday evening, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
King Solomon -----	138	Second Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mount Energy -----	140	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Carolina -----	141	Friday evening after full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Vernon -----	143	Thursday before first Sunday, and Saturday before third Sunday.
Junaluskee -----	145	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Palmyra -----	147	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Adoniram -----	149	Saturday before second Sunday.
Chalmers -----	151	Saturday after full moon at 7 o'clock P. M.
White Stone -----	155	Fourth Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M., June 24.
Rolesville -----	156	First Saturday.
Mount Pleasant -----	157	Saturday before first Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24.
Knap of Reeds -----	158	Saturday before fourth Sunday, 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Yadkin -----	162	Saturday after first full moon.
Deep River -----	164	Saturday before each full moon, June 24, December 27.
Archer -----	165	First Saturday.
Winston -----	167	Second Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Blackmer -----	170	Saturday on or before each full moon at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Buffalo -----	172	Second Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
George Washington -----	174	Saturday before fourth Sunday, December 27.
Pollokville -----	175	Second Thursday.
Mecklenburg -----	176	Thursday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Siloam -----	178	Thursday before fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Townesville -----	182	Saturday before second Sunday.
Sandy Creek -----	185	First Saturday.
Pine Forest -----	186	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Central Cross -----	187	Second Saturday, December 27.
Balfour -----	188	Friday evening before full moon.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Fair Bluff-----	190	Third Saturday evening, December 27.
Granite-----	191	Third Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Burnsville-----	192	Saturday on or before full moon.
Cary-----	198	Saturday evening before second Sunday.
Eagle Rock-----	201	Third Saturday.
Cleveland-----	202	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Roanoke-----	203	First Tuesday evening.
Berea-----	204	Saturday before third Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Mingo-----	206	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Lebanon-----	207	Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M., on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Eno-----	210	First Monday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Richland-----	214	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
William G. Hill-----	218	Second and fourth Monday evenings.
Jefferson-----	219	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Webster-----	222	Fourth Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Wilson-----	226	Saturday on or before full moon at 2 o'clock P. M.
Jonesville-----	227	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
McCormick-----	228	Third Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Henderson-----	229	Re-established—time not fixed.
Corinthian-----	230	First Thursday evening.
William T. Bain-----	231	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Gunter-----	232	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Lenoir-----	233	First Thursday.
Anchor-----	234	Saturday before 2d Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Cokesbury-----	235	Saturday before 3d Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mystic Tie-----	237	Friday evening before full moon, Tuesdays of Superior Courts, June 24, December 27.
Atlantic-----	238	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Rountree-----	243	First Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Monroe-----	244	First and third Friday ev'ngs, June 24, Dec. 27.
Catawba-----	248	Second Friday evening, Monday evening of Superior Courts, June 24, December 27.
Pythagoras-----	249	First Tuesday.
Rockford-----	251	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Lily Valley-----	252	Fourth Saturday.
Lee-----	253	First Monday, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beulah-----	257	Saturday before 4th Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Harnett-----	258	Friday before second Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Waynesville-----	259	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Excelsior-----	261	Every Tuesday evening.
Hibriten-----	262	Thursday before full moon, Tuesday of Super- rior Courts, June 24, December 27.
Farmington-----	265	Second Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
Durbin-----	266	Second Friday at 11 o'clock A. M.
Dunn's Rock-----	267	Friday ev'ng on or before full moon at 8 o'clock.
Unaka-----	268	First and third Friday evenings.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGUAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Tabasco	271	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Watauga	273	Friday before full moon, Monday evening of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beaver Dam	276	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Green Level	277	Saturday before 2d Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Rehoboth	279	Saturday before 4th Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Sapona	280	Third Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Eureka	283	First Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Greenville	284	First Thursday morning, and first and third Monday evenings.
Flat Creek	285	Saturday before second Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Castalia	286	Third Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M.
Salem	289	First Thursday, June 24, December 27.
French Broad	292	Friday on or before full moon.
Vance	293	Saturday on or before full moon at 1 o'clock P. M.
Atlantic	294	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court.
Stonewall	296	Saturday before third Sunday.
Toisnot	298	Second and fourth Saturday evenings, June 24, December 27.
Hunting Creek	299	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Pamlico	300	First Thursday evening.
Clay	301	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Evergreen	303	Second Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Pleasant Hill	304	First Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
*Laurinburg	305	Thursday on or before full moon.
Galatia	306	Saturday on or before full moon.
Patterson	307	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Randolph	309	Saturday on or before full moon.
Hatcher	310	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Notla	312	Third Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
King Solomon	313	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
New Lebanon	314	First Friday.
Jerusalem	315	Friday before first Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Eureka	317	First and third Monday evenings.
Wilmington	319	Third Tuesday evening.
Selma	320	Third Friday afternoon, June 24, Dec. 27.
White Hill	321	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Granite	322	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Falling Creek	325	Saturday before 3d Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
*Winton	327	Saturday before 4th Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mattamuskeet	328	Fourth Saturday.
Fayetteville	329	Second and fourth Friday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Black Creek	330	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Bayboro	331	Fourth Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Lock's Creek	333	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Ionic	337	First Wednesday evening.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Fairview -----	339	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Harmony -----	340	First Thursday.
*Rock Spring -----	341	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
*Cedar Fork -----	342	Saturday before 2d Sunday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Hickory -----	343	Monday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Numa F. Reid -----	344	Monday evening on or before full moon.
*Trap Hill -----	346	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Mourne -----	347	Saturday before second Sunday.
Stanly -----	348	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Durham -----	352	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings, June 24, December 27.
Moravian -----	353	Friday on or before full moon.
Dellaplane -----	355	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Double Shoal -----	356	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Bakersville -----	357	Tuesday evening before full moon, first Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
East La Port -----	358	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Vernon -----	359	Second Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mayon -----	360	Third Saturday.
Snow -----	363	Saturday after full moon at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Craighead -----	366	First and third Friday evenings at 7 o'clock.
Mount Pisgah -----	368	Fourth Saturday.
Air Line -----	369	Friday ev'ng before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mars Hill -----	370	Saturday on or before full moon.
Bethel -----	372	Friday on or before full moon.
Elk -----	373	Saturday after each full moon at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24, December 27.
Campbell -----	374	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
State Line -----	375	Saturday afternoon before full moon.
Youngville -----	377	Saturday before first Sunday.
Seaboard -----	378	Saturday before 2d Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.
Coharie -----	379	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Granville -----	380	Fourth Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M.
*Forest City -----	381	Tuesday evening on or before full moon.
Shawnee -----	382	Saturday on or before full moon at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Statesville -----	383	First and third Tuesday evenings.
*Reidsville -----	384	Second and fourth Monday evenings.
Scottsville -----	385	Saturday after full moon.
Pigeon River -----	386	Thursday evening on or after full moon, June 24, December 27.
Kedron -----	387	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Mooreboro -----	388	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Temperance -----	389	Third Saturday.
Copeland -----	390	Saturday ev'ng after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Lebanon -----	391	First Saturday evening after full moon.
White Rock -----	392	Saturday on or before full moon at 10 o'clock A. M.
Tally Ho -----	393	Saturday before second Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Cape Fear -----	394	Fourth Saturday.
Orient -----	395	First Wednesday evening.
Oxford -----	396	First Monday evening.
Bald Creek -----	397	Saturday after full moon.
Centre -----	398	Saturday after each full moon at 2 o'clock P. M.
*Conoho -----	399	First Friday.
*Newfound -----	400	Saturday on or before full moon.
Joppa -----	401	Second and fourth Saturday evenings.
Dobson -----	402	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Siler City -----	403	Saturday ev'ng before 2d Sunday, and Friday ev'ng before 4th Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Farmer's -----	404	First Saturday on or after each full moon in every month at 2 o'clock P. M.
Ocean -----	405	First Saturday.
Ivy -----	406	Saturday on or before each full moon at 2 P. M.
Liberty Grove -----	407	Saturday after each full moon.
University -----	408	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Bula -----	409	Third Saturday evening.
Asheville -----	410	Third Thursday.
Rockville -----	411	First Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24.
Henry F. Grainger -----	412	Saturday before the first Sunday.
Royal -----	413	Saturday before the third Sunday.
Wilton -----	414	Third Saturday.
Oak Grove -----	415	Saturday before full moon at 2 o'clock P. M.
Bellview -----	416	Fourth Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M.
Maxton -----	417	First Friday evening.
Potecasi -----	418	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Greenwood -----	419	First Saturday.
Harmon -----	420	Saturday evening before first full moon, June 24, December 27.
Boonville -----	421	Not stated.
Yadkin Falls -----	422	Not stated.
Sparta -----	423	Not stated.
Baltimore -----	424	Saturday on or before full moon at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Eastern Star -----	425	Saturday on or before full moon.
Montgomery -----	426	Second Saturday evening.
Oconee -----	427	First Monday and 3d Thursday evenings, Tues- day evening of each Superior Court, June 24, December 27.
Stokesdale -----	428	Saturday ev'ng before 1st Sunday at 6 o'clock, and Saturday afternoon before 3d Sunday at 1 o'clock.
Sea-Side -----	429	First and third Friday.

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Claudius Lewis	Sec'y.	W. D. Ingram	Tiler.

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Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic Year ending October 31, 1889.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
St. John's	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	22	103	\$ 48 60
Royal White Hart	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	9	38	.....
St. John's	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	48	13	61	28 20
Charity	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	15	68	31 80
Unanimity	7	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	20	.....	20	12 00
Phoenix	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	24	63	23 40
American George	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	7	31	14 40
Phalanx	31	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	49	.....	49	29 40
Stokes	32	3	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	37	14	51	22 20
Davie	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	44	3	47	22 25
Hiram	40	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	15	81	39 60
Hall	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	1	37	21 60
King Solomon	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	6	57	30 60
Concord	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	.....	54	32 40
Kilwinning	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	.....	24	14 40
Eagle	71	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	9	61	31 70
Golden Fleece	74	6	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	6	32	15 60
Widow's Son	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	6	34	16 80
Greensboro	76	2	3	4	5	2	1	1	2	8	1	2	51	49	100	30 60
Zion	81	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	3	32	18 90
LaFayette	83	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	1	37	2	39	22 20
Fellowship	84	3	3	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	31	9	40	18 60

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Rolesville	156	1	1	1	3	1	1	21	2	23	12 60
Mount Pleasant	157	2	2	2	...	3	2	1	46	10	56	27 60
Knap of Reeds	158	5	5	5	1	1	4	2	25	21	46	15 00
Rock Rest	161	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	45	25 80
Yadkin	162	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	6	13	...	...	26	19	45	15 60
Deep River	164	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	28	...	45	16 80
Archer	165	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	104	16	120	62 40
Winston	167	6	6	7	6	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	39	7	46	24 00
Blackmer	170	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	18	...	...	...	30	38	68	18 00
Buffalo	172	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	2	...	...	25	15	40	15 00
George Washington	174	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	33	19 80
Polloksville	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	26	2	28	15 60
Mecklenburg	176	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	21	2	23	12 60
Siloam	178	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	15	4	19	16 00
Townesville	182	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	37	13	50	17 40
Sandy Creek	185	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	26	24	50	15 60
Pine Forest	186	1	2	2	3	...	...	...	9	1	...	...	28	14	42	9 00
Central Cross	187	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	4	10	...	...	18	...	18	10 80
Balfour	188	3	3	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	24	6	30	...
Fair Bluff	190	2	2	2	1	1	2	...	1	...	19	8	27	11 40
Granite	191	1	1	...	3	36	27	63	21 00
Burnsville	192	12	8	10	1	1	27	4

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Waynesville	259	1	2	3	1	1	4	...	1	51	17	68	\$ 30 60
Excelsior	261	2	...	1	4	2	...	26	9	35	15 60
Hibriten	262	6	6	6	1	1	8	...	2	1	26	22	48	15 60
Farmington	265	8	7	3	1	1	...	1	...	3	2	...	37	5	42	22 60
Durbin	266	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	18	10 80
Dunn's Rock	267	3	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	48	1	49	28 20
Unaka	268	8	6	8	6	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	27	4	31	16 20
Tabasco	271	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	9	27	20 00
Watauga	273	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	28	...	56	33 60
Beaver Dam	276	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	21	11 40
Green Level	277	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	21	2	33	12 60
Rehoboth	279	3	3	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	19	6	25	11 40
Sapona	280	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3	37	20 40
Eureka	283	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	60	...	60	36 00
Greenville	284	7	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	27	8	35	16 20
Flat Creek	285	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	33	...	35	19 80
Castalia	286	2	2	...	17	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	40	3	43	24 00
Salem	289	3	3	3	2	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	92	...	92	55 20
French Broad	292	6	5	7	2	4	1	...	2	2	1	...	68	...	68	39 00
Vance	293	3	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	41	...	46	...
Atlantic	294	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	50	9	59	30 00
Stonewall	296	4	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...

298	Toisnot	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	28	2	30	16 80
299	Hunting Creek						1					45	3	48	27 00
300	Pamlico											12	8	20	7 20
301	Clay											22	22	44	13 20
303	Evergreen	1	1	1								16	3	19	9 60
304	Pleasant Hill											20		20	12 00
305	Laurinburg	1			1						2	25		25	15 00
306	Galatia						1					23	3	26	13 80
307	Paterson	1	2	2								33	1	34	16 50
309	Randolph											30	12	42	6 00
310	Hatcher						1	1			1	23	2	25	13 80
312	Notla	No returns.													
313	King Solomon	1			1						1	47	9	56	28 20
314	New Lebanon	1	1	2							2	32	2	34	19 20
315	Jerusalem											19		19	11 40
317	Eureka	6	7	5			2	1			3	53		58	31 80
319	Wilmington	9	7	7	3						1	58		58	34 80
320	Selma	3	3	3							2	25		25	15 00
321	White Hill											16	22	38	
322	Granite			6	2						1	35	34	69	21 00
325	Falling Creek	1	1	1							2	27		27	15 60
327	Winton	3	3	2				2				24		24	11 00
328	Mattamuskeet	1	2	2								31	1	32	18 60
329	Fayetteville	2	1	1							1	17	3	20	10 20
330	Black Creek						1					18	4	22	10 80
331	Bayboro	4	3								2	36	9	45	21 60
333	Lock's Creek	2					4					12	2	14	7 20
337	Ionic											21	1	22	12 60
339	Fairview											18		18	
340	Harmony							1				17	12	29	10 20
341	Rock Spring											28	6	34	13 50
343	Hickory	4	4	3	1			4			3	26	5	31	15 60
344	Numa F. Reid	2	3	2	2						1	50	14	64	30 60
346	Trap Hill	3	3	3	1						1	52	3	55	31 20

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Mount Mourné	347	1	2	1	24	1	25	14 40
Stanly	348	3	4	4	1	34	18	52	20 40
Durham	352	6	5	5	12	2	4	1	50	50	30 00
Moravian	353	4	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	28	5	33	16 80
Dellaplane	355	2	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	23	.....	25	24 80
Double Shoal	356	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	4	42	22 80
Bakersville	357	1	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	14	2	2	6	66	14	80	40 20
East La Porte	358	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	4	28	.....	28	14 35
Mt. Vernon	359	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	20	3	23	12 00
Mayon	360	2	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	44	8	52	26 40
Iredell	362	No	retu	rns.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	.....	69	41 40
Snow	363	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland	364	No	retu	rns.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Craighead	366	4	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	28	12	40	16 80
Mount Pisgah	368	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	18	.....	18	22 80
Air-Line	369	6	6	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3	42	10	52	25 20
Mars Hill	370	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	55	.....	55	33 00
Olive Branch	371	No	retu	rns.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	372	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	13	7 80
Elk	373	4	5	4	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	1	2	44	6	50	26 40
Campbell	374	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	28	4	32	14 50
State Line	375	4	6	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	27	1	28	16 20

Youngville.....	377	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	25	8	33	15 00
Seaboard.....	378	5	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	.....	17	10 20
Coharie.....	379	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	4	34	18 00
Granville.....	380	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	2	32	14 00
Forest City.....	381	No retu	rns.												
Shawnee.....	382	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	.....	24	14 40
Statesville.....	383	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	.....	38	41 80
Redsville.....	384	5	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	8	56	.....
Scottsville.....	385	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	9	34	15 00
Pigeon River.....	386	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	.....	40	24 00
Kedron.....	387	3	3	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	5	43	22 80
Mooresboro.....	388	8	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	.....	44	25 20
Temperance.....	389	16	16	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	6	38	19 20
Copeland.....	390	8	7	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	.....	32	19 20
Lebanon.....	391	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	.....	20	12 00
White Rock.....	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	45	27 00
Tally Ho.....	393	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	3	45	25 20
Cape Fear.....	394	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	.....	29	17 40
Orient.....	395	25	23	23	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	.....	44	26 40
Oxford.....	396	.....	.....	.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	21	58	22 20
Bald Creek.....	397	11	11	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	.....	62	37 20
Centre.....	398	3	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	.....	20	12 00
Conoho.....	399	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	6	37	18 60
Newfound.....	400	No retu	rns.												
Joppa.....	401	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	4	46	25 20
Dobson.....	402	7	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	7	36	17 40
Siler City.....	403	6	6	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	7	43	21 60
Farmers.....	404	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	2	22	12 00
Ocean.....	405	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	17	9 60
Ivy.....	406	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	33	19 20
Liberty Grove.....	407	6	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	.....	31	18 60
University.....	408	1	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	33	64	18 60
Bula.....	409	4	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	26	53	16 20
Asheville.....	410	6	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	15	37	13 20

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Rockville	411	3	5	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	3	19	9 60
Henry F. Grainger	412	12	12	12	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	24	51	16 20
Royal	413	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	22	6 60
Wilton.....	414	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	.....	15	9 00
Oak Grove.....	415	6	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	.....	14	8 40
Bellview.....	416	7	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	5	25	12 00
Maxton	417	2	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	13	28	9 00
Potecasi, (U. D.).....	418	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	7	21	.....
Greenwood (U. D.).....	419	8	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	.....	16	.....
Hannon (U. D.).....	420	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	2	11	.....
Boonville (U. D.).....	421	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	.....	9	.....
Yadkin Falls (U. D.).....	422	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	.....	10	.....
Sparta (U. D.).....	423	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	.....	7	.....
Baltimore (U. D.).....	424	8	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	30	57	.....
Eastern Star (U. D.).....	425	9	13	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	22	22	.....
Montgomery (U. D.).....	426	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	8	.....
*Charleston (U. D.).....	427	29	22	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	22	22	.....
Stokesdale (U. D.).....	428	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	29	42	.....
Sea Side (U. D.).....	429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12	.....
Union	U. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	3	11	.....
Hyssop	U. D.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	31	42	.....
																\$4,212 00

*Name changed to Oconee.

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

Number of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1890--	133
Number of Lodges making returns for the year 1889-----	233
Number of Lodges from which returns were not received-----	8
Number of Lodges at work-----	241

STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS FOR MASONIC YEAR 1889 OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated -----	630
Passed -----	588
Raised -----	584
Admitted in chartered Lodges-----	239
Reinstated-----	94
Suspended-----	11
Expelled -----	22
Excluded for non-payment of dues-----	272
Withdrawn -----	267
Died -----	139
Rejected -----	150

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

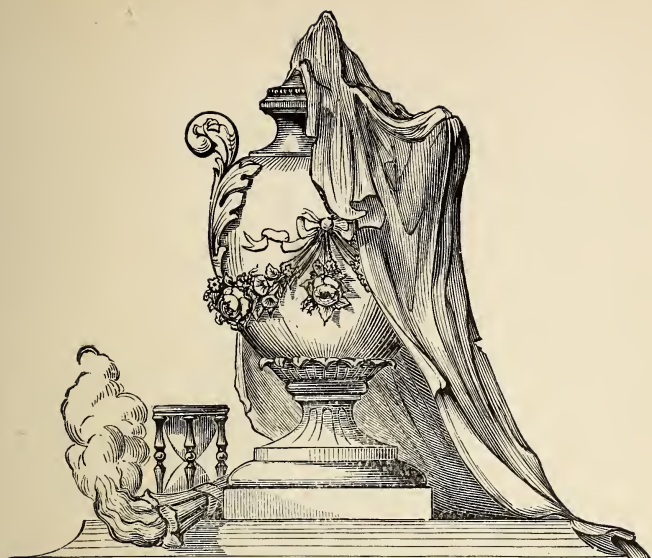
Number of members returned-----	7,439
Number of resident Masons not members returned-----	1,647
Whole number returned-----	9,086
Add members (273) and non-affiliated Masons (97) obtained from last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1889-----	370
	9,456

The estimate of non-affiliated Masons not returned is discontinued, and the Grand Secretary reports only the number contained in returns last received.

In the number of Lodges reported as at work the dormant Lodges now in process of reorganization are not included.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

St. John's-----	1	Joel W. Woolvin.
St. John's-----	3	Isaac Patterson, John Detrick.
Charity-----	5	J. G. Mitchell.
Phoenix-----	8	W. W. Shephard.
American George--	17	F. L. Funk, E. C. Welser.
Phalanx-----	31	Adam Siler, J. V. Symons.
Stokes-----	32	Charles A. Caldwell.
Davie-----	39	R. O. Myers, William Hodges.
Hiram-----	40	L. E. Heartt, J. W. Watson.
Hall-----	53	A. W. Dozier.
Concord-----	58	A. J. Cotton.
Kilwinning-----	64	John A. Gale.
Eagle-----	71	Pride Jones, John Cheek, David T. Gordon.
Greensboro-----	76	Thomas H. Cook.
Zion-----	81	I. H. Becton.
LaFayette-----	83	A. J. Murrill, W. T. Ennett, E. M. Farnell, R. F. Pelletier.
Fellowship-----	84	N. L. Barnes.
St. John's-----	96	J. H. Stevenson.
Hiram-----	98	S. Barksdale.
Fulton-----	99	Luke Blackmer.
Franklin-----	109	M. P. Green, B. T. Howland, John Rumley, W. J. Roberts.
Wayne-----	112	John I. Herring.
Mt. Lebanon-----	117	James Murray, Jesse Pittman.
Mt. Hermon-----	118	James Miller, J. E. Patton.
Mill Creek-----	125	G. P. Rose.
King Solomon-----	138	John H. Murphy.
Mt. Energy-----	140	B. F. Bullock.
Junaluskee-----	145	Charles D. Bowers.
Palmyra-----	147	Neill S. Stewart, A. D. Alderman.
White Stone-----	155	R. T. Dodd.
Rolesville-----	156	W. K. Hunter.
Deep River-----	164	John H. Waddle.
Archer-----	165	Henry Sullivan.
Winston-----	167	L. W. Fry.
Blackmer-----	170	A. M. Alexander, W. T. Dickenson.
Mecklenburg-----	176	W. B. Withers.
Sandy Creek-----	185	W. T. Collins, James Gilliam.
Balfour-----	188	John H. Hill.
Fair Bluff-----	190	Joseph Page.
Cary-----	198	R. D. Stone.
Eagle Rock-----	201	Joseph R. Lee, Upchurch Smith.
Cleveland-----	202	D. H. Beam, J. C. Gidney, S. McB. Posten, John A. Parker.
Berea-----	204	Squire Meadows.
Mingo-----	206	William A. Jackson, John N. Jackson.
Eno-----	210	J. T. Driver.



INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY
OF
LUKE BLACKMER,
PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

BORN SEPTEMBER 26th, 1824.
DIED FEBRUARY 9th, 1889.

A zealous, earnest Christian.
Faithful to his trust.

Richland	214	A. L. Grimes, H. J. Harriss.
Jefferson	219	S. C. Waugh.
Webster	222	George Denning.
McCormick	228	John M. Hunter.
William T. Bain ..	231	B. F. Walton, J. A. Walton.
Lenoir	233	John Woolard, J. M. Hines, Sr.
Cokesbury	235	Jesse Morgan.
Mystic Tie	237	E. H. Grant, J. W. Grant.
Atlantic	238	L. B. Barco.
Monroe	244	Three—names not given.
Pythagoras	249	R. J. Long.
Lee	253	N. R. White.
Beulah	257	A. R. Stancil.
Harnett	258	One—name not given.
Excelsior	261	E. J. Babbington, C. R. Jones.
Hibriten	262	J. J. Presnell, G. N. Carter.
Farmington	265	Zadock Griffith, G. W. Johnson.
Watauga	273	J. J. Rivers.
Eureka	283	J. Phillips.
Greenville	284	L. G. Heilbroner.
Salem	289	R. P. Atkinson.
French Broad	292	J. G. Roberts.
Atlantic	294	H. D. Casons, I. F. Bell.
Stonewall	296	C. H. Taylor, Marcom Manning.
Pamlico	300	E. S. Satterthwaite.
Clay	301	J. H. Penland.
Laurinburg	305	R. B. Clark, L. T. Everett.
Hatcher	310	Benjamin Nichols.
New Lebanon	314	William J. Whitehurst, J. C. Rudder.
Eureka	317	M. L. Midgett, John H. Zeigler, C. S. Riddle.
Falling Creek	325	G. M. Cogdell, W. R. Jordan.
Fayetteville	329	M. Schlossberg.
Fairview	339	L. M. Logan.
Hickory	343	E. T. Stroup.
Numa F. Reid	344	Dempsey Brown.
Trap Hill	346	Eli Grimes.
Mount Mourne	347	W. L. D. Benson.
Stanly	348	George W. Crowell.
Dellaplane	355	J. C. Armstrong, I. N. Haynes.
Bakersville	356	S. D. Prestwood, Abe. Buchanan.
East La Porte	358	William Norton.
Air-Line	369	J. M. Lineberger.
Elk	373	James K. McGuire.
Campbell	374	G. M. Setzer.
Youngsville	377	J. R. Knight, W. L. Hardister, Nathan May.
Reidsville	384	—— Lehman.
Mooresboro	388	A. N. Hicks, J. B. Biggerstaff.
Joppa	401	W. H. Grant.
University	408	W. P. Mallett.
Asheville	410	E. H. Herrick.

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Ohio -----	Stith N. Sullivan -----	Dayton.
Pennsylvania -----	Michael Nisbet -----	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island -----	Joseph L. Dyer -----	Alberton.
Rhode Island -----	John P. Sanborn -----	Newport.
South Carolina -----	W. W. Humphrey -----	Anderson.
Tennessee -----	Jonathan S. Dawson -----	Paris.
Vermont -----	Nathan P. Bowman -----	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia -----	Alfred R. Courtney -----	Richmond.
Washington -----	Nathan S. Porter -----	Olympia.
Wisconsin -----	Thomas McWilliams -----	Bascobel.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
Arkansas -----	Fabius H. Busbee -----	Raleigh.
Brazil -----		
Canada -----	George W. Blount -----	Wilson.
Chili -----	John Nichols -----	Raleigh.
Colorado -----	William A. Blair -----	Winston.
Connecticut -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
Delaware -----	Rev. Frank L. Reid -----	Raleigh.
District of Columbia -----	Charles H. Robinson -----	Wilmington.
Florida -----	Logan M. Totten -----	Hickory.
Georgia -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
Idaho -----	J. H. Mills -----	Thomasville.
Illinois -----	Hezekiah A. Gudger -----	Asheville.
Indiana -----	Horace H. Munson -----	Wilmington.
Iowa -----	Charles H. Robinson -----	Wilmington.
Kansas -----	Eugene S. Martin -----	Wilmington.
Kentucky -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
Louisiana -----	Robert B. Vance -----	Asheville.
Maryland -----	Henry M. Cowan -----	Raleigh.
Michigan -----	Robert Bingham -----	Bingham School.
Minnesota -----	Eugene Grissom -----	Raleigh.
Missouri -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
New Jersey -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
New York -----	A. H. A. Williams -----	Oxford.
Nova Scotia -----	Thomas S. Kenan -----	Raleigh.
Oregon -----	John W. Cotten -----	Tarboro.
Ohio -----	Albert M. Noble -----	Selma.
Pennsylvania -----	William R. Cox -----	Raleigh.
Prince Edward Island -----		
Rhode Island -----	H. W. Reinhart -----	Thomasville.
South Carolina -----		
Tennessee -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
Texas -----	Donald W. Bain -----	Raleigh.
Vermont -----	Samuel Northrop -----	Wilmington.
Virginia -----	William E. Anderson -----	Raleigh.
Washington -----	Jonathan W. Albertson -----	Elizabeth City.
Wisconsin -----	John Nichols -----	Raleigh.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

At Siler City, Chatham county, April 12th, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of Masonic Hall for Siler City Lodge No. 403, H. A. Gudger, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, Charles E. Houston, acting Grand Secretary. Address by R. W., H. A. Gudger.

At Duplin Roads, Duplin county, May 24th, 1889, to lay corner-stone of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, James C. Williams, special deputy, acting Grand Master, D. T. McMillan, acting Grand Secretary. Address by Rev. Bro. W. S. Creasy, of Wilmington, N. C.

At Wilmington, N. C., June 4th, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of the United States Custom House and Post-Office, M. W., Charles H. Robinson, P. G. M., acting Grand Master, and John C. Chase, acting Grand Secretary. Address by Rev. Bro. W. S. Creasy, of Wilmington, N. C.

At Mill Points, Alamance county, July 18th, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of Elon College, W. G. Adams, special deputy, acting Grand Master, J. R. White, acting Grand Secretary.

At Harrell's Store, Sampson county, August 2d, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of Siloam Missionary Baptist Church, M. W., Charles H. Robinson, P. G. M., acting Grand Master, N. F. Highsmith, acting Grand Secretary. Discourse by Rev. W. B. Oliver, of Durham, N. C.

At Fletcher's Chapel Church, Gates county, August 29th, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of Fletcher's Chapel Church, David W. Parker, special deputy, acting Grand

Master, Thomas Parker, acting Grand Secretary. Address by Rev. T. H. Campbell.

At Warsaw, Duplin county, November 8th, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of the Warsaw Methodist Episcopal Church, South, J. C. Williams, special deputy, acting Grand Master, D. T. McMillan, acting Grand Secretary. Address by Rev. Bro. W. S. Creasy, of Wilmington, N. C.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present the following review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges, to-wit :

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ALABAMA—1888.

Engraved portrait of our late Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, forms a frontispiece to the volume, which contains the proceedings of the sixty-eighth annual Communication, held at Montgomery, December 3d, 1888, Grand Master M. J. Greene presiding. In his excellent address, the Grand Master pays a fitting and feeling tribute to the memory of Bro. Daniel Sayre, for more than thirty years Grand Secretary; reports a year of unusual prosperity to Masonry in Alabama, both in numbers and quality; a number of dispensations, many official visits made by him, and says:

The beneficial effects of official visitation are both apparent and real. It revives interest, promotes zeal, and begets a commendable pride, in both officers and members. It contributes largely to the building of new halls, and the improvement of old ones. Indeed, a somewhat careful observation along this line has almost brought me to the opinion, that if we would provide a system of official visitation that would require at least one annual visit to each one of our Lodges, by an officer of the Grand Lodge, the good resulting from it would much out-weigh the cost of its attainment.

We think so, too.

He further reports, upon questions submitted to him, that a W. M. cannot be tried under their Constitution, after his time of office as Master had expired, for official misconduct while Master; 2d, that for misconduct *not relating to his office*, after he had ceased to be Master, he would be triable by the Lodge. And again, that a member of a Lodge could not be elected Master while charges against him were pending, which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence; but it does not appear from the proceedings that any action upon their report was taken.

He further reports thirteen decisions, which appear to be sound, one which we quote, with emphatic approval:

A Master Mason, who declared that he b. b. a worthy candidate, because the Lodge had previously rejected a friend of his, is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason. Such an one has grossly violated the fourth "cardinal virtue," is a stranger to the principles of Masonry, and should have no more place among us.

Resolutions sustaining the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Connecticut were adopted.

We notice that the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which were submitted at the Communication of 1887 the decisions of Grand Master Harriss, that an applicant for the degrees is not disqualified because he cannot write, and that a Lodge in Alabama could not confer the degrees by request of a Lodge in Tennessee, reported, dissenting. but no action

on the report appears to have been taken by the Grand Lodge. In our review of Alabama (1887), in our last report, we noticed these decisions and entered a dissent.

Bro. Palmer J. Pillans again presents an admirable Report on Correspondence of one hundred and four pages, crisp and good, though shorter than usual, the reason assigned being "the steadily diminishing revenue of the Grand Lodge." We enjoy reading his reports, and find much in them of first-class material—good work, true work, square work.

North Carolina (1888) receives most fraternal attention, Grand Master Robinson's address and decisions being approved and the Report on Correspondence most pleasantly mentioned, for which we thank our good brother. He says Alabama is not included in our report. Alabama for 1886 is reviewed in the report for 1887, and for 1887 in our report of 1889, as it was not received in time for that of 1888.

Bro. Henry H. Brown elected Grand Master, and Bro. Myles J. Greene, P. G. M., Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA—1888.

The seventh annual Communication held at Prescott, November 13, 1888, Grand Master Francis A. Shaw present. A most interesting and excellent address comes from the Grand Master, containing words of eloquence and wise counsel to the Craft, which we cannot refrain from quoting for consideration elsewhere:

I congratulate you upon the close of a year of prosperity, as evidenced in the report of our V. W. Grand Secretary, whose labors have contributed largely to this happy result.

Our statistics (for Arizona) may not bulk largely to the eye; we are but the Benjamin of the tribes, but we are proudly conscious of our identification with one of the oldest and grandest organizations the world has ever known.

It is no small privilege or light honor to be enrolled within this body. The most ancient, it is yet the most vigorous of fraternal bodies. Whole systems of religion and philosophy have arisen and passed away, while Masonry has held on in its beneficent course. Races of men have been dispersed, or, as even now in this Territory, in their last remnants thinly melting into the grave, which the earth holds alike for nations as well as individuals, but this mystical body of ours, while enriched with experience, is yet buoyant with youth.

The Church and the State have, in their mistaken zeal or suicidal policy, set themselves against it, and professional politicians in this free country have arrayed passion and prejudice to sweep it from our land; but it has not only survived unhurt, but has flourished and increased without decline; and, with open doors, none daring to make afraid, still invites the freeborn to the shelter of its walls, its feasts of refreshment, its labors of love, its legacy of sacred lights and customs, its holy mysteries and its path of endless advancement.

We have read history and philosophy to no purpose if we do not believe that the existence of our fraternity in its present condition

throughout the world is not its best and most triumphant vindication.

Our privileges and honors were bought with a great price, and are not to be maintained without thought, labor and, it may be, sacrifice. If we esteem them lightly, if we neglect them, we may talk complacently as we will of the glory of Masonry, but it is suffering loss at our hands, and we are not proving true either to the spirit or letter of its law.

And again:

I would fain awaken, therefore, an enthusiasm for our Order befitting the grandeur of its history, the dignity of its position and the possibilities of its achievements. The better days of Masonry are not to be looked for in the golden past—illustrious though they certainly were—**BUT THEY ARE TO COME.** We may enter into their glad possession. Shall we do our part in Arizona?

Believing as I do, will you wonder that I urge prompt, cordial affiliation with our Lodges by all brethren residing within the Territory—urge it by all considerations that appeal to a generous nature. Where the tree draws its sap there the tree sheds its fruit. I hold it the duty of the Mason everywhere to recognize the duty of affiliation wherever he makes his home, and as one of the primary acts of residence. Especially is this demanded in a jurisdiction like ours. We are an outpost of the great Masonic host: its prestige, its usefulness, its progress are in our care and keeping in this new and rapidly developing country. The claims of a needy brotherhood gathered from many parts of the world, the cries of truest kinship, the obligations to succor and relieve are manifold, and are the exigencies of a new Territory.

Do I err in pressing an application of our essential principles? In vain will the novitiate be led to exclaim, "*Wonderful!*" as Wisdom, Strength and Beauty are unfolded, if we allow all to pass as a mere vision. What is the abstraction of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, if not incorporated into our every-day life? It is worth as much, and no more, than were the silver and gold of our hills in Arizona when hidden deep in the mine beneath the feet of the Apache, with rocks hiding them, unsuspected and unknown. But let the abstract idea be worked out and extended from its secret place along the lines of daily commerce, and it will be, like that same silver and gold, changed into the currency of the nation, bearing enormous business, inestimable and endless benefactions on the bosom of its boundless stream.

He reports a gain of two Lodges and sixty-two members during the year, and that it "is the first year since the formation of the Grand Lodge that there have been no suspensions for non-payment of dues." We congratulate you.

We regret to see the following decisions:

"A man petitions this Lodge for the degrees, who is otherwise qualified than the loss of the little finger and the one next to it on the right hand. Can he be made a Mason?" Answer—Yes.

May 25th, in answer to the question by the W. George W. Cheyney, Master of "King Solomon Lodge, No. 5," I decided that the loss of one eye does not disqualify a man from being made a Mason.

We find, upon reading further on, that the Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved of them, and their report was adopted. We agree thoroughly with the Committee, and they well say:

That it would be wiser at present to require all candidates to be physically sound, not dismembered, *and* to be able to conform literally to the requirements of the degrees of Masonry.

No Report on Correspondence.

Bro. Morris Goldwater elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

ARKANSAS—1888.

The forty ninth annual Communication at Little Rock, November 27, 1888, Grand Master W. H. Gee presiding. The proceedings opened by a welcome to M. W. Joseph Eichbaum, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and R. W. Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary of same Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master in his address reports the Craft as "in a reasonably prosperous condition." A number of Dispensations for various purposes were granted and three decisions rendered.

A short Report on Correspondence, alluding only to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and recommending the same.

Bro. George E. Dodge resigns Chairmanship of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. No Report on Correspondence.

Bro. Richard H. Taylor elected Grand Master; Grand Secretary re-elected.

Then come the "Proceedings at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge, November 28, 1888," which, it is evident, was enjoyed by all present.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1889.

Special Communication, March 29, 1889.

Eighteenth annual Communication held at Victoria, June 22, 1889, Grand Master A. R. Milne present.

The Grand Master delivered an elegant and scholarly address, showing a prosperous condition of the Craft; pays a fitting tribute to the dead, and reports his decisions, in which we concur. We see that he holds that a Lodge cannot be opened in the absence of Master and Wardens; United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, recognized as such; the other proceedings being of local interest. A brief Report on Correspondence by the *committee*; North Carolina not among those reviewed.

Bro. John S. Clute elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

 CALIFORNIA—1888.

The thirty-ninth annual Communication commenced in San Francisco, October 9th, 1888, Grand Master Hiram N. Rucker presiding.

The Grand Master's address is quite lengthy, but well written and interesting. After an appropriate and eloquent exordium he states that the Masonic year has been prosperous and to him a very busy one; reports several decisions, governed mostly by local regulations; but we note the following to express our dissent :

Q. Has the Master of a Lodge the right to refuse admission to a visitor on the objection of a member, without requiring said member to state such objection to him, that he may determine upon its validity?

A. The Master *should* "require that the reasons therefor be stated to him, and he must be the judge of their sufficiency." [The word "should" is used instead of "*may*" in a former report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as a fair interpretation of Section 16, Article III, Part III, of the Constitution, and would seem to make it the imperative duty of the Master to require that the reasons be stated to him.]

And the following with full approval :

A Lodge, after having duly elected an applicant to receive the degrees, proceeded to initiate him. When the usual interrogation had been propounded "he hesitated," and finally answered that he "believed in some supreme power but was unwilling to acknowledge that supreme power by any particular name." After a few moments, in which the candidate was allowed to consider, he was asked the plain question. "Do you place trust in God?" His answer was, "I don't know what you call it; some call it by one name, and some by another." The candidate was conducted from the Lodge by order of the Master, and a consultation was held between the three chief officers. The Senior Warden was sent out to interview the candidate for the purpose of correcting a possible misunderstanding. That officer, upon his return to the Lodge, reported that the answers of the candidate were substantially the same. The Master, evidently extremely anxious to be just, permitted the candidate to be again admitted and asked him the direct question, and received an answer as before. The Deacon was then directed to retire with the candidate and inform him that in due time his money would be refunded. The candidate subsequently sent word to the Master of the Lodge, requesting him not to refund the money, and "expressed a feeling agreeable to answering any and all questions that might be asked." The Master, after detailing the above statement, asked : "What shall I do?"

I directed the fees to be returned to the candidate, with the advice to the Master that Masonry has no use for men who will "hesitate" and quibble about *God*, or belief in His *Omnipotence*, *Omniscience* and *Omnipresence*. If there was error on the part of the Master, it was in admitting the candidate the second time to the Lodge-room. Masonic Lodges should never falter on this the prime requisite to an introduction into our mystic rites and observances. The first, the essential, and the indispensable qualification of a candidate for initiation is that he must have *faith in God*. Not a nameless something, but the true God of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB; the same by whose Divine command MOSES wrought the deliverance of the children of Israel; and the same

who gladdened the heart of DAVID by promise of a house that should be dedicated to His Holy Name, and finally verified that promise in the person of SOLOMON, whose wisdom consummated the great design and crowned his labors in adoration of that Deity whose power and infinite wisdom direct the revolving worlds, mark the sparrow's fall, and water the flowers that bloom in the meadow.

La Grange Lodge, No. 99, asked for a dispensation to appear in Masonic clothing for the purpose of decorating the graves of deceased Masons. This has been the custom of that Lodge for several years past, but, the question having been raised that the Lodge might be assuming a liberty unwarranted by the Constitution, the dispensation was desired. I decided that a dispensation was not necessary; and that a fair interpretation of Section 2, Article II, Part III, and Section 10, Article III, Part III, of our Constitution, fully authorized the act, it being a proper and most commendable "ceremonial observance" or "Masonic ceremony."

There are duties which we owe our dead that are equally sacred with those due the living. The performance of those duties should be encouraged. It will tend to gild the gloom that may settle around us in the hour of death to know that when we are laid at rest our brethren will at least annually visit and surround the spot, deposit their garlands of flowers, and think of us at our best. Of all the acts of a life-time none are freer from selfish motives.

The fleeting pleasures of life, the demands of business, and all the cares incident to this mortal sphere are for the time forgotten, and man's best nature, the latent jewel of his composition, is thus brought forth like the sparkling diamond from the skilled workman. WASHINGTON IRVING has beautifully and truthfully said that "sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced. Every other wound we seek to heal—every other affliction to forget; but this wound we consider it a duty to keep open—this affliction we cherish and brood over in solitude." Such sorrow is sacred. When we have woven our chaplets of flowers and have tenderly deposited them upon the graves of our dead, we return to our homes and duties with lighter hearts. A day thus spent will never be regretted. Our offerings, intrinsically, are trifles; yet they mean much. I say much, for the spiritual relief and sweet peace they bring is inestimable. The mind is directed for the time into new and better channels of thought, whence arise higher and holier aspirations.

All of which is well said.

The proceedings, though interesting, are confined to local matters.

Bro. James Wright Anderson presented an excellent and valuable Report on Correspondence of 146 pages *fine print*, in which are many things that attracted our attention in our way through it—and opinions and expressions that agreed with our way of thinking.

For instance, under *Michigan*:

Our Grand Lodge is of the opinion that a Masonic funeral should be conducted only by a *Lodge*, and that it "can only appear, as such, on such occasions when the ceremonies are under its direction."

Under New York:

We are not a believer in the doctrine that the Tiler of a Lodge is not

present because, forsooth, he is not actually in the Lodge-room. Bro. Simons agrees with the Grand Master of Illinois, and some other Jurisdictions, in the opinion that seven Master Masons, *exclusive of the Tiler*, must be present before a Lodge can be opened in any degree. It appears to us that this is a matter which can be and ought to be regulated by law. Our Constitution provides that no business, other than that of charity or the conferring of degrees, can be transacted without the presence of seven members; and the Tiler is, if a member and present, considered as one of the seven.

We incline to agree with our brother in reference to a Masonic Convention. All points of Masonic law and usage can be fully discussed and agreements reached in our Grand Lodges, and by means of the Committees on Correspondence, in quite as available a manner as would be possible in any General Congress. We are not in favor of any action that may directly or indirectly lead to the formation of a National Body.

Under *Ohio*, where he dissents from the decision of the Grand Master, that "only a member of the Lodge of which the accused is a member has a right to prefer charges," and then says:

The first of the above decisions, we doubt not, is in accord with the Code of Ohio; but it is not in harmony with the decisions of our Grand Lodge, nor with the fundamental law thereof. We do not think that it should be discretionary with the master of a Lodge whether he shall institute proceedings or not when a member, in good standing, of some other Lodge, makes complaint. The language of our Constitution is, "When any member of a Lodge (except its Master or the Grand Master), or any Mason residing within its jurisdiction, shall be accused of unmasonic conduct, charges to that effect may be preferred by any Master Mason in good standing; which charges shall be in writing over his signature, and shall be presented to the Master of the Lodge having jurisdiction thereof." We take it, and so our Grand Lodge has decided, that this means that it matters not whether the accuser is a member of the same Lodge as the accused or not.

And under *Pennsylvania* the following, which we like very much, especially the last sentence:

A Grand Lodge of Emergency was held in the city of Pittsburg on the twenty-third day of April, 1887, the same Grand Officers being present.

The Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that the meeting had been called for the purpose of making—by virtue of his presence—Christian Kirsch a Mason.

Christian Kirsch was then railroaded through the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees. We are not informed as to what Bro. Christian Kirsch thought of the process or of the principle: but from what little we know of Masonry now, and what less we knew after an interval of a month between each of the degrees, we are reminded of an expression which the celebrated Dr. Bruce, President of Du Quesne College in said city of Pittsburg, once used in speaking to us when a pupil under his charge, viz.: that he had often heard of dogs going through college—that is to say, in at one door and out at the opposite. The exigency would indeed be wondrously emergent that would, in our opinion, justify the convening of a Grand Lodge, or even of a subordinate Lodge, for any such purpose.

And we note the following, as not agreeing so well with our views:

Under *Mississippi* he says, which we quote more to show how difficult it is to draw the line of physical qualification than to enter a dissent, for, as we understand our brother, we may not differ after all, and then again we may:

Our brother joins issue with us on the qualification of applicants for the mysteries of Masonry. Our opinions on this subject have been frequently expressed, and we see no cause to alter anything that we may have said. We never did believe, and we do not now believe, that the Constitutions of Grand Lodges or the Ancient Charges ever meant that a candidate should be physically perfect. The authors of these, we are fain to believe, knew well that physical perfection is a physical impossibility. We are not a little surprised that our brethren of Mississippi are such sticklers for physical perfection, whilst, at the same time, willing to admit to membership those who are simply able to write their names, and read by spelling out their words. A missing finger, or even a missing eye, would not be, in our opinion, half so great a defect as missing intelligence, or missing means for gaining and imparting intelligence. We are not a believer in cleanliness of the outside of the platter, while the inside is full of all manner of uncleanness. We do believe in a reasonable approach to human perfection physically, morally and intellectually; and we think that this is about what the Constitutions and Charges mean, else they demand impossibilities. We do not believe that the laws of Masonry are, or ought to be, like those of the Medes and Persians; on the contrary, they have changed, and must necessarily change, to suit the wants of an ever-changing humanity. The great truths of Masonry are unchanging, and should be handed down from generation to generation with all the purity that characterizes truth.

Under *New Jersey* he says: "The Master of the Lodge is the proper party to determine the validity of objection to visitors," to which we, in former reports, and in this, have expressed such emphatic dissent that we say no more now.

Under *West Virginia* :

Again we cannot concur in the opinion that conferring the degrees in a Lodge upon a profane does not make him a member of the Lodge—that it simply makes him a Mason. We think the Grand Master of Kentucky is right. California holds to the opinion that when an applicant receives the degrees in a Lodge, *ipso facto* he becomes a member of that Lodge; that was his intention, and should have been the intention of the Lodge and the reason why it received the petition of the party. If a party has been elected to receive the degrees, and circumstances afterwards prevent him from taking them all in the Lodge to which he preferred his petition, he has the right to ask that Lodge to request some other Lodge to confer the degrees for it, or to grant permission to some other Lodge to confer the degrees. In California this is the case after the party has taken the first degree. If the degrees are conferred by request, the party becomes a member of the Lodge requesting; if by

permission, it is equivalent to relinquishment of jurisdiction, and he becomes a member of the Lodge receiving the permission. Election constitutes membership in the case of applicants by affiliation; conferring the degree of Master Mason constitutes membership in the case of applicants by initiation. Signing the by-laws is but evidence of the membership.

Our law requires signing the by-laws as necessary to constitute membership.

North Carolina, 1888, receives fraternal notice, Grand Master Robinson's address and decisions being approved, and the Report on Correspondence kindly criticised and some of our opinions cited with approval. We fully agree with our brother when he says, speaking of Reports on Correspondence:

We are of opinion that such reports should subserve a wider purpose. The high standard to which Masonic Jurisprudence has attained is greatly attributable to the able discussion of matters of Masonic law and usage by those who have directed much study thereto; notably, to such able Masonic jurists as Simons, Drummond, Parvin, Vincil, Vaux and Gurney.

And we fully acknowledge our indebtedness to the able jurists mentioned, and to others of the reporters, for many an hour, we may say *day*, of valuable and delightful readings.

Leaving this able report with regret, we note that Bro. Morris M. Estee was elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary re elected.

CANADA—1889.

Special Communications, August 22, 1888, and May 22 and June 26, 1889, for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

The thirty-fourth annual Communication opened at Owen Sound, July 17, 1889, Grand Master R. T. Walkem on the throne.

The Grand Master says in his address:

Now, we find ourselves to-day, brethren, in a most enviable position amongst the Grand Lodges of the world. We are free from internal troubles; our relations with foreign Grand Lodges are satisfactory; the brethren throughout our Jurisdiction are loyal, happy and contented; we have an ample benevolent fund at our disposal, which is freely dispensed; and the administrative work undertaken by Grand Lodge is, I believe, being well and effectively performed.

Again he says:

I availed myself of the opportunities afforded by these visits to address the brethren on subjects of interest connected with Masonry, and to impress upon the Masters of Lodges the necessity for making the Lodge meetings instructive and interesting by means of lectures, papers and

discussions on Masonic history, symbolism and kindred subjects. I suggested to them that if these means were used there would be a better attendance at the Lodges and fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues—that intelligent men require more than the mere working of the ritual to satisfy the desires of their intellects, and cease to attend the Lodge because they do not get what they require; that undue importance may be attached to ritual and far too little to the great objects of Masonry.

A wise suggestion.

Acting upon a resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master offered to mediate between England and Quebec, which was accepted by Quebec, and we hope will result in settling the unfortunate controversy. He does not believe in multiplying Lodges, and we think with him.

No decisions reported.

Upon physical qualification, he says:

I am not at all in favor of the strict construction of the rule respecting physical qualification, adopted by some of our American brethren. Any rule should be construed with reference to the circumstances under which it was established, and the objects for which it was intended; and its construction must also, I submit, be subject to modification, from time to time, to meet altered circumstances. Even in the Courts of Law this principle is constantly recognized and acted upon. The qualifications required in a Mason at the present day, under our existing system, are essentially different from those required in the bygone time; they are mental, rather than bodily qualifications, and I, therefore, think the rule we have adopted commends itself to reason and common sense.

Two hundred dollars were fraternally contributed to Jacksonville sufferers.

A condensed but well-written Report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Henry Robertson, the first from this Grand Jurisdiction in eleven years..

North Carolina, 1889, briefly noticed, an extract being made from Grand Master Robinson's address.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

CONNECTICUT—1889.

Emergent Communication at Waterbury, November 20, 1888, to dedicate the new Masonic Temple, the Grand Master presiding. A very fine and instructive historical address by Bro. Nathan Dikeman, and another, upon *Freemasonry*, by Bro. J. W. Richardson. Both well worth perusing.

The one hundred and first annual Communication at New Haven, January 16, 1889, Grand Master John W. Mix presiding. His address

is business in style and substance, and is, as he says, a summary of official acts.

The proceedings relate to local matters, except the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler presents one of his interesting Reports on Correspondence, somewhat more condensed than others, the reason for which he gives as follows:

We have thought best to curtail in this department, in view of the possible increased amount of printing made necessary by the celebration of our approaching centennial, which is to take place during the coming year, and which should be made a special feature in our published proceedings.

Bro. Wheeler is so pleasant a writer that we regret anything that deprives us of any of his opinions or learning.

North Carolina, 1888, is fraternally noticed, and the address of Grand Master Robinson quoted.

Bro. John H. Swartwout elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

CONNECTICUT (SPECIAL)—1889.

Special Communication began at Hartford, May 8, 1889, when Grand Master Swartwout, in his address, stated that it had been called to consider the petition of more than one hundred and fifty members of the late Hiram Lodge, No 1, in good standing prior to the revocation of the charter of said Lodge, for a restoration of the same; and thereupon, after due consideration, the Grand Lodge restored the charter of said Lodge and provided for the election of its officers.

All of which we hail with delight.

Action upon the petitions of some of the members of said Lodge, who had been expelled, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, was deferred until the next annual Communication.

DAKOTA—1889.

The fifteenth annual Communication opened at Mitchell, June 11, 1889, in *due form*, by R. W. George V. Ayres, Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address, read by the Grand Secretary, states that peace and harmony prevail; that the membership in that Jurisdiction has increased from 4,088 at the last Communication to 4,595 at this; and the "finances were never in better condition, there being a balance on hand of \$6,072.43," and suggests a reduction of Grand Lodge dues. All of which is pleasant to know, and shows decided evidence of prosperity.

A few dispensations were granted and eight decisions reported. The third, which we set forth, being disapproved by the Grand Lodge:

3. A man having lost the sight of one eye, the other being good, is not eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

I made this decision reluctantly and it is contrary to my opinion as to what the law should be, but the matter has been twice passed upon by this Grand Lodge, and I did not feel warranted in setting aside the law twice emphatically expressed. In 1880 Grand Master Hand held that such a person was not a proper candidate for the mysteries of Masonry, and his decision was sustained by the Grand Lodge. In 1887 Grand Master Blatt held to the contrary and that such a person could lawfully receive the degrees of Masonry. The Grand Lodge reversed this decision and again sustained the decision of Grand Master Hand. I report this so that the Grand Lodge may again pass on this question. In my opinion it is the sense of sight that is necessary, and not that all the organs of sight be intact. Many men are made Masons, without question, who are unable to see at all distinctly without the aid of glasses, yet they have not the sense of sight to the extent that a person has who has lost the sight of one eye only. The current of Grand Lodge decisions is constantly growing more liberal in the matter of physical qualification, and while I do not recommend a radical departure from the established usage in this Jurisdiction, I believe a reversal of my decision in this case would place us in harmony with a large majority of the Grand Lodges on this continent.

So the Grand Master's *opinion* was right, but his *decision* wrong.

The Grand Master also says, upon *advancement of candidates*:

Several instances have come to my knowledge where candidates for advancement have been rejected from apparently unworthy motives, and an investigation of some of these cases leads me to recommend a change of the law on that subject. I think a petitioner for the degrees should be elected to receive them, and that no objection to his advancement should be entertained after he has received the E. A. degree. After having received that degree he is a Mason and our brother. He has rights as well as we who are older in the service, and I think he should be permitted to advance, or, if unworthy of advancement, be disciplined. If not worthy to be made a M. M. he should not be in the fraternity at all.

This was not adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, presented the original petition for St. John's Lodge at Yankton, Dakota, being No. 166 of Iowa, and No. 1 of Dakota.

The division of the Territory by a recent act of Congress into two States is alluded to as involving a necessary division of Grand Lodge Jurisdiction.

Subsequently Grand Master John Q. A. Braden appeared and presided.

A report of a Committee on *Cerneau Masonry*, declaring that it "has and can have no legal status or standing in this Jurisdiction" was adopted.

The report of the Committee on *Division* was read and adopted, and as it becomes material evidence before this Grand Lodge in considering the right to recognition of a *new* Grand Lodge, we present it in full :

WHEREAS, the division of the Territory within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and the creation of two States, under the provision of the Act of Congress, approved February 22d, 1889, will undoubtedly be accomplished within the next six months; and whereas the representatives from the constituent Lodges north of the 7th standard parallel have appeared before this committee and unanimously expressed the desire to withdraw from this Grand Lodge and organize a Grand Lodge to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A. F. & A. M.; and whereas it is made apparent to your committee on account of the full representation from the Lodges of North Dakota this would be the most convenient time to take the necessary preliminary steps in the organization of a new Grand Lodge, we would, therefore, most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1st. *Resolved*, That in response to the unanimously expressed desire of the representatives from the Lodges existing in Dakota north of the seventh standard parallel, this Grand Lodge does hereby accord to the representatives from what is known as North Dakota with fraternal regards and kind wishes, full, free and cordial consent to withdraw from this Grand Lodge for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge to be known as The Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A. F. & A. M., to occupy and hold exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction in all that portion of Dakota, north of the seventh standard parallel.

2d. *Resolved*, That a committee of ten be at once appointed to report a just and equitable division of all moneys and other Grand Lodge property.

And also a resolution recognizing the said *new* Grand Lodge, to-wit:

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A. F. & A. M., has been duly and constitutionally organized in accordance with the ancient established usages and customs of the Craft; and

WHEREAS, It is but meet that its first recognition as an independent and sovereign body should emanate from those with whom it has so long been in intimate and close fraternal relations, and with whom it has labored with one common interest in harmony and brotherly love, and whose every act in connection with its withdrawal has been characterized by a spirit imbued with Masonry which to its most ardent devotees have been idealistic: therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge extend to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A. F. & A. M., the hand of full fellowship, and do recognize the said Grand Lodge of North Dakota as an independent and supreme Grand Lodge in and for North Dakota.

Resolved, That said recognition is accompanied with a fervent prayer for her prosperity and advancement to a high position among her sister Grand Lodges upon this continent; and be it further resolved that we enter into immediate fraternal correspondence, and the exchange of representatives, with our new sister Grand Lodge.

An amendment to the Constitution was concurred in by the original Grand Lodge, to be submitted to constituent Lodges, changing the name

thereof to the Grand Lodge of *South Dakota*, and the mother most gracefully and beautifully presented her jewels to the daughter.

Bro. F. J. Thompson again presents the Report on Correspondence, 221; scholarly, instructive, poetic, entertaining, diversified in manner and substance—

“Form'd by thy converse happily to steer
From grave to gay, from lively to severe.”

There is much in this report we would like to extract, but must refrain, owing to our poverty in time and space. One, under Florida, we, however, make, as happily expressing some of our thoughts. Dakota being down as one having no regulation in regard to exhibiting the charter to a visitor, Bro. Thompson says this:

Dakota is among the common-sensed Jurisdictions. The matter requires no Grand Lodge regulation. The charter of a Lodge is about as much evidence to a stranger Mason as a bull's foot is to the size of his tail. If the visitor has any doubts, he needn't visit.

As Master of Shiloh Lodge, for the last five years, we got tired of lugging around the charter, so we had it framed and hung on the wall of the Lodge-room. If a visitor wants to see the charter before Lodge opens, we show it to him. If after it opens, we invite him to call again before the Lodge is called to labor.

And his *first* review of *South Dakota*, 1889, has not escaped us, nor the following, alas! too true, as we well know:

The reporter on Correspondence who does even the work of extracting from the various reports which he reviews, performs a task entirely beyond the apprehension of even the general reader of his report. And the reporter who takes the pains to comment upon and discuss the various topics ever arising in the various Grand Lodges, and brought up by the different reporters, and who takes time to make historical researches relative to the same, accomplishes a labor almost herculean in magnitude. In order to do his task well, the reporter must love his work, must forego social pleasures and devote his time, talent and learning to the accomplishment of the duties assigned him. And all this usually without the least reward, except that feeling of satisfaction which comes by knowing that the cause of Masonry has been advanced by the efforts put forth.

Bro. Thompson gives North Carolina, 1888, a brief but pleasant notice; calls the writer by a wrong name, as the initial letter of our middle name is S. and not “P,” as he and Kansas have it; says a pleasant word about our report, in exchange, perhaps, for what we said about his former report, and adds: “Ahem! Excuse me. What will it be?” To which interrogation we reply, “Thanks, Bro. Thompson; we never take anything, but we would like immensely to take you by the right hand and give it a good, hearty, fraternal shake; sorry to note in your report an intimation that we should hear from you no more, and hope it is not a considered opinion that you express.”

Bro. George V. Ayres elected Grand Master, Grand Secretary re-elected.

OUR NEW SISTER, NORTH DAKOTA—1889.

There comes to the Committee a circular, announcing the action of the Grand Lodge of the *Territory* of Dakota upon the division of the Territory and Jurisdiction, which we have fully set forth above, and the organization, on the 13th day of June, 1889, in the city of Mitchell, of the Grand Lodge of *North Dakota*, the representatives of twenty-six subordinate Lodges being present. Bro. James W. Cloes was elected Grand Master and Bro. David S. Dodds Grand Secretary; all the Grand Officers being installed by M. W. George H. Hand, P. G. M., of Dakota.

The original Grand Lodge having in the resolution we have set forth under that Grand Lodge recognized this Grand Lodge, your Committee respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina also recognize the Grand Lodge of *North Dakota* by adopting in words and sentiment the resolutions of the mother Grand Lodge, and the reception of this report shall be so construed.

Since writing the above, the proceedings of the Masonic Convention called to organize the Grand Lodge, and of the *first* Communication of the Grand Lodge, have come to hand.

The Grand Lodge adopted a Constitution and By-laws, Masonic Code, and then follows a most interesting and valuable *Genealogical History* of the Lodges constituting the Grand Lodge, North Carolina being in the line of pedigree.

DELAWARE—1888.

The eighty-second annual Communication held at Wilmington, October 3d, 1888, Grand Master George W. Marshall presiding.

In his address, which is short, he congratulates the craft on the progress made; states that he has visited nearly all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction, regrets that he could not be present at the celebration of the sixty-second anniversary of Bro. R. B. Jump's Masonic life; reports the death of P. G. M. John Taylor and others; that no decisions of importance have been made, and recommends that a Lodge of Instruction be established.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence by Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, though short, is an interesting paper.

North Carolina, 1888, receives very courteous attention, Grand Master Robinson's address being pronounced "interesting" and quoted from with approval, and the Report on Correspondence by Bro. D. W. Bain said to be able and interesting in style, and that "his comments prove

him to be a careful reviewer," for which kind remarks we thank him [Bro. E. S. Martin is entitled to the credit.—GRAND SECRETARY]. He says "Delaware not troubled." We regret not receiving proceedings.

Bro. James S. Dobb elected Grand Master, Grand Secretary re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1888.

Special Communication, Grand Master presiding, March 28, 1888, to receive report of Committee on Jurisprudence relative to Hiram Lodge, No. 1, Connecticut; but, as that matter has been happily adjusted, we say no more.

Semi-annual Communication May 9, 1888. Special Communication June 7, 1888, to lay corner-stone, which was done by Grand Master, and Bro. Albert Pike delivered an eloquent address, from which we can extract only the closing remarks:

Let us, dear brethren, firmly resolve that not by any furtherance given by our lukewarmness or unfaithfulness, by our own ill-doing, or countenance given by us to anything that tends to lower, degrade or abase it, or impair its energies or usefulness, its dignity and glory, shall Freemasonry ever be brought to shame! May its ancient glories shine with new luster and endure until there shall be no wrongs in the world to redress, no ills in the world to remedy, and all the world shall acknowledge and faithfully obey and live by the law of Masonic brotherhood! So mote it be!

Other special Communications for various purposes.

The annual Communication held November 14, 1888, and opened in ample form by Grand Master Jesse W. Lee, Jr.

The Grand Master's address is a plain statement of business affairs relating to that Jurisdiction, but one decision being reported, owing to the fact, as he states, that Masters of Lodges *know* the law, and do not expect the Grand Master to decide everything for them.

On "mixed funerals," he says:

It appeared to me that it was not only proper that the Lodge should have charge of the "arrangements" of the funeral, but also perform the *last sad rites*, and see the brother's remains deposited in the bosom of our common mother earth.

We think so.

We quote in full a well-merited compliment in his address to

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND SECRETARY.

Brethren, I should feel that I had not discharged my full duty were I to close these remarks without acknowledging my indebtedness to Bro. Wm. R. Singleton, R. W. Grand Secretary, for the invaluable assistance which he has rendered me during the year.

He has been a student of Masonry for more than forty-eight years; blessed with a very retentive memory, he has been enabled to lay up an inexhaustible store of knowledge, which he is always willing to impart.

to those who seek of him. Had he applied himself to his profession with the same zeal with which he has prosecuted the study of Masonry, he would have acquired a sufficiency of this world's goods to have enabled him in his old age to rest from his labors. But self was lost sight of, and Masonry has been enriched by his toils.

A life so devoted to the cause which he espoused is worthy of the highest commendation. His reward is the love of his brethren and the consciousness of having benefitted his fellow-men. Long may he live to "enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life."

We beg leave to concur in all he says.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales recognized.

Bro. W. R. Singleton presents the Report on Correspondence, well written and full of valuable information and comment. The reviews, though condensed, contain the material points of each of the proceedings well selected. North Carolina, 1888, is among those fraternally reviewed, and under *Vermont* he notes the presence of Grand Master Robinson, with the Grand Master of that State, at Bennington.

On page 53, of Bro. Singleton's report, we find the following:

Since our first review of Illinois (page 44) we have been able to find the correct history of the formation of several of our oldest Grand Lodges in the United States, which we publish for the benefit of our own brethren, and all others who have not had the opportunity of searching into the archives of Grand Lodges.

The following excerpts are taken from well authenticated sources, and we claim no credit for them ourselves.

And on page 54 the following, relating to *this* Grand Lodge:

The first independent Grand Lodge of North Carolina was organized in 1787, by a *convention* of brethren somewhat after the manner of that found in New Jersey the year previous. The members were not appointed by any Lodge for the work they performed at Hillsborough, except it may be those who represented the Lodge at that place. Indeed, the movement may be considered as mainly the act of that Lodge.

We do not know the "*well authenticated sources*" from which Bro. Singleton obtained the above information, but we do know there is not a word of truth in it. Some one has greatly misled Bro. Singleton.

As the writer has examined *original records* of the Convocation of *duly appointed* representatives of a *majority* of the Lodges then in North Carolina, which, upon notice, met at *Tarborough* (not Hillsborough) in 1787 to *reorganize* the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, "*we speak by the card.*" And now, if Bro. Singleton will permit us, we will give him the true story, relying upon the *original records* now in the archives of our Grand Lodge.

The Lodges established in North Carolina under charters from the Grand Lodge of England, and, perhaps, other Grand Lodges prior to 1771, organized in that year the original Grand Lodge of North Carolina,

which met at New Berne and Edenton until its meetings were interrupted and its records burned during the Revolutionary War by the British.

On the 9th of December, 1787, after notice to all the Lodges, a convocation of *duly appointed* representatives from a *majority* of the Lodges was held at *Tarboro* for the purpose of *reorganizing the Grand Lodge*. It was then and there duly reorganized according to the laws, rules, regulations, usages and customs of the Masonic Craft, ancient and modern; a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and Grand officers duly elected and installed; Bro. Samuel Johnston (Governor and afterwards first United States Senator) being elected first Grand Master.

The record contains the names of all the Lodges represented and of their representatives. Moreover, a *Committee on Correspondence* was appointed for the purpose, as the record says, of holding a fraternal intercourse with the rest of the Masonic world, and engendering a closer bond of union among the Fraternity at large. It was as fully, completely and legally organized a Grand Lodge as any that Masonic history gives us any record of, and not, as Bro. Singleton, or his *authority*, says, "by a convention of brethren somewhat after the manner of that found in New Jersey the year previous," etc.; that is, without authority.

If the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was organized in the manner stated by Bro. Singleton, then North Carolina is justly entitled to the claim Bro. Singleton sets up for the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and New Hampshire *legally* (as he asserts), organized in 1789, to-wit: as being "*the very first independent Grand Lodge organized in this manner in North America.*" In fact, we can fairly claim from 1771. There seems even to have been a disposition elsewhere to detract from and ignore the just claims of North Carolina, and for this purpose to misrepresent and falsify her history, not only in Masonic matters, but in everything else. North Carolina claims nothing but what she can show herself justly entitled to. But if this tends to give her precedence or prominence over some other State, the so-called writers of history turn away from the record and consult their prejudicial imaginations for their facts, always to her detraction.

We mean none of this to apply to Bro. Singleton, because we believe he has been misled by others. But we do think that in writing what he claims to be "the correct history of the formation of several of our oldest Grand Lodges in the United States," the utmost care should be exercised to establish every statement by the best evidence obtainable, and not to take anybody's say-so lest injustice be done, as in this case.

Our Grand Secretary and we are ever willing and ready, upon application, to give any information and take any trouble necessary in order to inform others relative to our Jurisdiction.

In the Centennial address which the writer had the honor to deliver, published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1887, pages 50 *et seq.*, there is a historical sketch of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to which Bro. Singleton will pardon us for referring.

We hope and believe Bro. Singleton will correct the error into which he has been led and may lead others, and relieve our Grand Lodge from the injustice done her.

Bro. Harrison Dingman elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

FLORIDA—1889.

Special Communication at Bartow, December 27, 1888, to dedicate the new Masonic Hall, the Grand Master officiating.

The sixtieth annual Communication at Jacksonville, January 15, 1889, Grand Master Norvelle R. Carter presiding.

The Grand Master delivered an able address relating to his official acts, in which he says:

In the first half of the present year our numbers increased; new Lodges were organized; new Lodge-rooms erected and dedicated, and more than usual prosperity was vouchsafed to us. Our relations with other Grand Lodges throughout the world with whom we correspond are the most pleasing and fraternal. Though our Lodges increase in numbers, very few questions in Masonic Law arise not covered by our Code of Jurisprudence.

But upon the next page he presents a picture just the reverse—sombre and pathetic:

Before entering upon the details of the year's work, I think this a fit place to speak of the fraternal dead, and of the terrible visitation of Divine displeasure sent upon our beloved Order and State the past summer. It fell alike on saint and sinner, Mason and profane. Many of our best and ablest brethren have been taken from our Grand Body since last we assembled. Among them, we mention by name those most directly connected with this Grand Lodge.

First, Brother William L. Baldwin, Worshipful Master of Duval Lodge, No. 18, of this city, and recently appointed a member of the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Then Brother Henry L'Engle, Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge, No. 20, also of this city. Then Brother Seth S. Bennett, District Deputy Grand Master of the ninth Masonic district, who died at Enterprise, this State. We cannot refrain from mention of the death, in this city, of the lamented Martin, who was a member of one of the city Lodges.

The loss by death to our beloved Order during the past year, is irreparable to us, but in accordance with Divine Will, to which we must submissively bow and acknowledge that He doeth all things well, and for purposes of His own.

Early after the epidemic became general, Brother W. L. Baldwin stated to me by letter that the distress was becoming general among

the Fraternity, and that local resources were about exhausted. I immediately instructed Brother Baldwin to have printed and circulated at once an appeal to the Order in this Jurisdiction for assistance, which was liberally responded to, but the rapid spread of the fever, and suffering among the Fraternity, rendered it necessary to make an appeal to the brotherhood throughout the United States. Brother Baldwin having succumbed to the prevailing disease, and Brother C. W. Johnson being chairman, with Brother Conover treasurer of Masonic Relief Committee, and Brother A. W. Knight as Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, with my authority issued the appeal, which was so liberally and generously responded to, and with such promptness, that very soon the committee had to call a halt. From all appearances, we had sufficient funds for all possible emergencies, both for the relief of distress in the city of Jacksonville and in other afflicted towns in this Jurisdiction, which I instructed the committee to look after.

His decisions seem to be governed by local laws, and, therefore, we forbear comment, though, in some respects not in accord with the law here.

We quote a part of his beautiful and well-written conclusion :

The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and willing service. The most natural beauty in the world is honesty and moral truth; for all beauty is truth. Features make the beauty of the face, and true proportions the beauty of architecture, as true measures that of harmony and music. It has been said, if we work upon marble it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they moulder and crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God, and love of our fellow-men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity. Examples are contagious, and we should be careful ever to set good ones, for there are *none* but have their imitators.

We have shewn to the world, without ostentation, that we are not lacking in true love to our God and to our fellow-men, without which all our labor comes to naught. We feel that many human beings have been alleviated of some of their pain, anguish and distress by our efforts, while we have been more tender and forbearing, one to another, and more and more in love with our humble charities and our mystic society. The God of recompense does not forget the steady, tireless helps and sympathy extended to the needy, who dwell within sight of our own doors.

Then follows the touching report of the Masonic Relief Committee, giving a detailed account of the loss and suffering during the dreadful scourge of yellow fever—a thrilling narrative of sublime heroism, brotherly love, relief and noble charity. We would most gladly give the whole of it, but must content ourselves with parts:

Ere the fever had been declared epidemic, at the earnest solicitation of the speaker, Brother W. L. Baldwin, Worshipful Master of Duval Lodge, No. 18, called, through the press, a meeting, irrespective of Lodge, to provide for the formation and organization of a Masonic Relief Committee, and thus be prepared to meet the probable epidemic of yellow fever.

The committee, as first formed, consisted of Brother W. L. Baldwin, Chairman; Brothers C. W. Johnson, J. A. Conover and E. M. Nolan.

In the course of a short time Brother Nolan received a request from the citizens of Pablo Beach to locate there during the epidemic; consequently this committee lost his services, and Brother H. W. Clark was appointed in his stead.

Upon the 18th of August the speaker succumbed to the fever, being the first member of the committee to be stricken down. Brother J. A. Conover was the next to fall, and was sick ten days, Brother W. L. Baldwin taking his bed the same evening, and, alas! never to leave it alive. Worn and anxious, through his labors to alleviate and heal the sufferings of others, he fell a prey to the scourge.

Greater love hath no man than this—his own life a sacrifice upon the altar of humanity. We mourn his loss; yet behind him he has left a record, a rich legacy of good deeds, and a noble manhood, that are ever radiant with the glory of immortality.

Brothers W. A. McLean, O. H. Dorsett and W. A. Dunn were added to the committee soon after Bro. Baldwin's death; Bro. Dunn retiring from the Masonic Relief Committee in the early part of October to engage with the Knights Templar Relief Corps.

Our first appeal was made to the Fraternity of Jacksonville. On August 31st we appealed to our brethren of Florida, finding that our own resources would soon be exhausted; in fact, when we received our first donation our Treasurer, Bro. Conover, had \$15 on hand. The generous charity of our brethren of Florida soon placed us where we were sure of tiding over until the threatening aspect of the epidemic, and the rapidly increasing distress and destitution made a further and largely increased relief necessary and imperative: and September 8th an appeal was made to the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and most generous was their response, enabling us, not alone to care for the sick and relieve the distress in our midst, but to contribute to the relief of our brethren in distant fever-stricken localities. So prompt and generous were our warm-hearted brethren of this broad land in their gracious charity, that, on October 9th, we telegraphed all the contributing Jurisdictions to stop all further contributions for Masonic relief, following up the telegram with a notice in the Associated Press dispatches.

And, brethren, permit me to express the feeling of the great obligation we are under to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, N. R. Carter; to Bro. A. W. Knight, Acting Grand Secretary, who so willingly and ably assisted with wise counsel and prompt official action the efforts of this committee in securing relief for the distress and destitution so appallingly prevalent in our midst.

In September, during the height of the epidemic, we established three relief kitchens, where the sick and convalescent could procure, *gratis*, suitable nourishment, for which there was an urgent demand and necessity: one kitchen being located in East Jacksonville, one in Campbell's Addition, and one in West Brooklyn, in such localities as there existed the greatest destitution and distress. These kitchens were continued no longer than the necessity demanded.

The committee have furnished medicines and medical supplies, nurses, food, clothing, fuel, paid physicians for the sick or distressed, and gave money, when deemed necessary and proper. We have buried our dead; we have also furnished transportation to several families and individuals.

We found the Orphanage and Home for the Friendless in a destitute condition, and relieved their necessities until they were otherwise provided for.

It is probable that not a single Masonic family in Jacksonville escaped the fever, and, alas! so many have passed over "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

The death loss to the Lodges of Jacksonville numbers ten—Duval Lodge, No. 18, losing seven of its members, as follows: W. M., W. L. Baldwin, Bros. E. M. Dixon, H. D. Roberts, W. J. Merritt, H. Grunthal, Alfred Morgan and C. D. Barbour. Solomon Lodge, No. 20, losing three members, as follows: W. M., H. A. L'Engle, Bros. T. M. Smith and C. G. Elliott.

There have also perished the following brethren holding membership in other Jurisdictions, thirteen in number: Bros. Cone Williams, Rev. Sharpe, N. J. Foster, J. C. Pybas, Charles Ulmo, W. H. Babcock, Ezra Gray, F. W. Ely, W. D. Carver, J. B. Allen, J. L. Burch, Edwin Martin and J. M. Ground.

Eight members of Masonic families have also perished: Bro. Frederick Wolff losing three children; Bro. H. D. Roberts losing a sister and her babe; Bro. W. D. Carver losing a boy; Bro. H. B. Beebe losing a son; Bro. W. M. Somerville his wife, making a death-roll of twenty-three brethren, and eight members of Masonic families—a total of thirty-one.

Many of those that were thus bereft of father or husband are still being aided by this committee, and will need our assistance for some time to come.

The Masonic burial lot in the Cemetery being soon filled, we were compelled to purchase the adjoining lot to provide a last resting-place for our beloved dead.

The first Grand Jurisdiction to offer unsolicited aid was Mississippi, through her R. W. Grand Secretary, J. L. Power, who telegraphed the committee, "Do you need help? If so, wire;" and in a few days we were compelled to wire him. The contributions from Mississippi continued to come until the presence of the scourge in her own territory rendered it necessary to suspend contributions to us.

The largest contributor to our relief, as will appear on the list of contributing Jurisdictions, is Iowa; and to the prompt and energetic action of her warm-hearted Grand Master, E. C. Blackmar, backed by the hearty generosity of the Fraternity of his Jurisdiction, this result was speedily obtained. The Grand Jurisdiction of Canada also sent us an unsolicited contribution.

To our brethren throughout this broad land our hearts turn, filled with gratitude and thanksgiving, uniting in the prayer that we have heard so often from pallid lips and broken hearts, "God bless the Masons."

Among the contributions from other Grand Jurisdictions, \$720.60 is reported from North Carolina.

We notice that our Sister Grand Jurisdiction has a William E. Anderson also, and if he is as good a man, citizen and Mason and officer as our Grand Treasurer, we congratulate Florida. That he is high in their esteem is evident, for it says:

Past Grand Master (italics ours) William E. Anderson presented the following report, as a special committee of one, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

At the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, I was instructed to correspond with the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges in

the States and Territories, and to report upon their laws and usages in reference to the rights and duty of a visiting Mason to ask for a sight of the charter of any Lodge which he desired to visit. I have received courteous replies from forty-five (45) Grand Jurisdictions. From two—Ohio and New Mexico—no answer has reached me. There are eleven Grand Jurisdictions, besides our own, which instruct their members to ask for a view of the charter before entering a strange Lodge, and recognize his right to do so by regulation, namely:

Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Texas, West Virginia.

There are twenty-five which have no regulation on the subject, viz.:

Alabama, California, Colorado, Dakota, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Indian Territory, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington Territory, Wisconsin, Wyoming Territory.

There are seven which have no law or ruling, in which the exhibition of the charter is sanctioned by custom, namely:

Arkansas, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont.

In the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania the law forbids the removal of the charter from the Lodge, while open, under any circumstances. It will thus be seen that there is a great difference of opinion and custom upon this point.

We quote largely from this report because of its valuable information. The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was accorded recognition. The Grand Orator, Bro. R. H. Weller, delivered an interesting oration, which received and merited the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. D. C. Dawkins again presents one of his pleasant and excellent Reports on Correspondence—especially so, when we consider the circumstances under which it was prepared, as told in his “conclusion”—from which we quote:

The making of this report, such as it is, has been done under variable, peculiar and undesirable circumstances, and most of it away from home. Early in the month of August yellow fever was officially announced to be in Jacksonville, and an unprecedented stampede ensued. This was followed by every possible public and private endeavor by the people generally, in every capacity, to temporarily reduce the population as much as possible, by urging that every person who could possibly leave the city do so, and thus aid, to the utmost of their power, in avoiding the calamity of an epidemic. Having a wife and three daughters, not one of whom were willing to depart and leave us behind, and our own health being much impaired, and not knowing what might be the deplorable result of stubbornly disobeying the patriotic and just public sentiment, the highest duty of man, under such circumstances, was easily perceived and reluctantly obeyed; hence, on the grand, old, everlasting hills of Georgia, where yellow fever is defied, and where beautiful and refreshing streams of pure free-stone water are gushing from the hill sides, and rippling through the valleys; where beautiful towns abound, and happy, prosperous and noble people reside; and where Masonry, which lives on the very best material in every land and country, flourishes almost equal to Florida, the larger portion of this report was made.

Although our surroundings at Senoia, Bowden, Banning and Fairburn were all that heart could wish, under ordinary circumstances, yet such was the effect upon us of the doleful news from home; the sick and death-rolls of acquaintances, friends and brothers that confronted us day by day through the columns of the *Atlanta Daily Constitution*, being almost wholly out of the reach of our valiant home papers, and being thus necessarily detained from our home long beyond any reasonably preconceived length of time, if this report falls short in its gleanings of tidings, expression of thought, or in any particular, we feel conscious that every good and upright Mason who hears or reads it will make magnanimous allowance.

Now home again, and as a beautiful calm always follows a dreadful storm, so may sunshine and perpetual prosperity and happiness dawn anew upon our beautiful State, revivifying every natural element, enhancing every laudable enterprise, and cementing, stronger than ever, all hearts that are bound together under the cementing supervision of this Grand Lodge. And may Our Father, who is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, have us all forever in His holy keeping.

We join with him in the fervent prayer which closes it.

North Carolina, 1888, is not forgotten, but receives fraternal attention.

The writer of this report absolves Bro. Bain from all responsibility for the "six lines" spoken of, and pleads in his own behalf lack of time, the report being sent to him at a late day. He ventures to hope that his notice of Florida, 1888, proved more acceptable to Bro. Dawkins.

Bro. Henry W. Long elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

GEORGIA—1888.

The one hundred and second annual Communication was held at Macon, October 30th, 1888, and opened in ample form by Grand Master John S. Davidson. His address is most interesting and of high literary merit, and eloquent in parts.

Fifteen decisions are reported, which meet our approval, except when he holds that where a Lodge waives Jurisdiction our material consent must be given "by secret ballot and must be unanimous," our opinion being that the ballot need not be secret and that a majority is sufficient.

He well says:

While our country, magnificent in its extent of actual territory, and splendid in its equipment for national progress, has advanced with every decade beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who study its history, Masonry presents a record quite as astonishing and possessing equal fascination for the student and the historian. During the past two years many of the Lodges throughout the Union have celebrated, with becoming ceremonies, the centennial of their existence. A perusal of the addresses delivered on these occasions gives an attractive insight into the subject of Freemasonry and its progress. It is a notable fact that of all human institutions it comes nearest to the body of the

people. Its temples do not rise with lofty front and massive columns, it is true, until wealth and leisure enable the Craftsmen to adorn and enlarge the Sanctum Sanctorum. But wherever the hardy pioneer conquers the existing wild, wherever the smoke of humble cabin floats upward to bear testimony of civilized life; wherever the tethered cattle feed, and the furrows break beneath the touch of the ploughshare; wherever the voice of the housewife calls to humble meal and the prattle of little children wakes with musical echoes the surrounding glades, there Masonry abides. Sometimes, even before the church-bell calls to prayer or the minister of civil justice fills his throne, the high hills and low vales catch the responses of Masonic assembling. And when it finds its resting place, then through all of human life and governmental changes, it keeps its home growing but not changing, spreading but not weakening, advancing but not altering. It speaks as no other organization can or does of what the people, the real, living, struggling, laboring, earnest people are in morals and in hopes. And the man who is not with them in sympathy, in purpose, in aim, in ambition, in efforts is not often in Masonry, and if in, is not a part of the Institution save in name.

And again, speaking of the value of Reports on Correspondence:

The presentation made by this method of the life and conduct, views and judgments of the other Grand Jurisdictions afford the only means by which the body of the Craft can learn what the watchman's cry is from the battlements of our brethren. A careful perusal of this correspondence will amply repay each member of this body, and there ought to be some rule established by which, at stated periods, extracts from the collection could be brought to the attention of local Lodges. Such a course, I am persuaded, will increase not only the information of the members on Masonic subjects, but add to the pleasures of the Lodge assemblage.

He reports great prosperity in his Jurisdiction, and notes, in feeling terms, the death of some of the brethren. He further mentions that, by a decision of the Supreme Court of the State, Masonic property is taxable, whereas in this State it is exempt.

Proceedings are of local character, though we extract the following from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as worthy of consideration here, we having readopted the system of District Deputy Grand Masters:

Your Committee unanimously endorse the recommendation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master touching the creation of District Deputies, and recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. There shall be appointed by the Grand Master an officer in each Congressional District of this State, to be called *District Deputy*, who shall be a Worshipful Master or Past Master.

2d. It shall be his duty to visit each Lodge within his District at least once each year if practicable, and oftener if possible.

3d. He shall have power to exemplify the Degrees of Masonry, and may do so either in the Lodge room of each Lodge, or he may call a convocation of two or more Lodges for that purpose, at such times and places as may be mutually agreed upon by him and the Lodges.

4th. He shall, when directed by the Grand Master, preside over a Lodge of Past Masters called to try any Master.

5th. He shall have the power to pass in judgment upon all matters of Lodge difference and discipline, which do not involve the determination of Masonic law, which may be referred to him by the Lodge or any member thereof: *Provided*, That no Lodge shall be prohibited from making a direct reference of such matters to the Grand Master.

6th. He shall be required, on the request of the Grand Master, to ascertain the facts of any question which may be referred to the Grand Master, and transmit the statement thereof, obtained from both sides, to the Grand Master.

7th. He shall perform such other duties as the Grand Master shall, from time to time, require to promote the welfare of the Lodges within his Jurisdiction.

8th. District Deputies shall make a report to the Grand Master, at least one month before the date of the annual Communication, of his acts and the condition of Masonry within his District.

9th. District Deputies shall have the power to hold conferences with each other, at such times and places as they may select, to make the degrees as uniform as possible.

10th. Each District Deputy shall be entitled to his actual expenses while going to, returning from, and while remaining at the place where he is engaged in the performance of his duties. Said expenses shall be paid by the Lodge, or Lodges, calling him, or agreeing to his coming, in such proportion as said Lodges may agree upon.

11th. While in attendance upon the annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, said District Deputies, if not the Representatives of any subordinate Lodge, shall be entitled to the mileage and *per diem* allowed Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Davidson delivered a chaste and eloquent eulogy on Bro. Robert Morris, P. G. M.

The Report on Correspondence is a composite work of the members of the Committee and is well done.

North Carolina, 1888, falls to the lot of Bro. C. T. Latimer, who treats us in handsome style, speaking thus of Grand Master Robinson's address:

The annual address of Grand Master Robinson is not only of local importance, but much of it of general good to the Craft at large. We would like to give all of this address, but fear it would take up too much space; we will, however, notice a few points in it, which we most heartily endorse.

He expresses his pleasure at the Report of the Orphan Asylum, pronounces the Report on Correspondence to be "very good," and is very sorry Georgia is not included, and asks what is the matter?

The Committee reviewed all proceedings received, and regret not receiving Georgia.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

IDAHO—1889.

The twenty-second annual Communication convened at Boise, September 10th, 1889, Grand Master John Hunter presiding. His address is devoted to the business affairs of that Jurisdiction, and a good deal of it is taken up with the correspondence regarding an invasion of Jurisdiction.

Uniform work seems to be a fruitful subject of comment, and in order to insure it, the Grand Master suggests that the matter be left in the hands of that officer and a Grand Lecturer, with power to establish schools of instruction, &c. The Grand Secretary, in his report, says uniformity will soon exist, as he has secured the *California* work. Who is the reputed father of that work?

Again, in his report, the Grand Secretary says:

I presume it is held to be good law that a Lodge which has had its charter destroyed by fire cannot perform Masonic work; in which construction I do not concur. The authorizing of the issuance of a charter by the Grand Lodge *is the act*, and not the paper or parchment upon which the instrument is written.

The Historical Sketch of the Grand Lodge of *Idaho* is very interesting, from which it appears that five Lodges, aggregating two hundred members, united to form the Grand Lodge, December 17th, 1867, and in 1889 the number of Lodges was nineteen, aggregating 748 members.

Bro. Charles C. Stevenson presented the Report on Correspondence—bright, sparkling, crisp and good—in which we have found many ideas and opinions that express the thoughts of our own mind.

He says:

We say here fearlessly, that we believe in the antiquity of Masonry. We believe in God (the Bible's God), in the divinity of the Holy Bible, in Solomon's Temple, and that Masonry there received organization and first commenced its active life. We defer to the statement that the *Ritual* was modified and changed in 1717, in England, but that has nothing to do with the antiquity of our Order, or its origin at Solomon's Temple. Whenever a man commences to doubt the legends and doctrines of Masonry, he will end in doubting God and the Bible. We are not a church-member, and undoubtedly never will be. We do not affect piety, but, unfortunately, are quite the reverse: yet we believe in Masonry, its teachings and principles, and those all tend to strengthen in us the belief which has become part of our life.

Under *California*, in alluding to an expression of Bro. James W. Anderson:

Bro. Anderson, we must stop right here and shake. Your views on temperance and social enjoyment in Lodge-rooms are correct, and if more Masons were of your opinion Masonry would be in better condition. The cry against drink and saloons is now popular, and all the

rabble fall in with the cry of "stop thief!" rushing along intent upon the capture of some poor, unfortunate Oliver Twist of a saloon-keeper, utterly oblivious of the polite, sanctimonious gentleman who rents his houses for purposes of prostitution, or deals in scarcely less nefarious forms of business. We venture to say that there is not a Grand Jurisdiction which is not afflicted with such individuals. We have them, and we do not hesitate to say that the saloon-keeper is head and shoulders above that class of social lepers. We, be it understood, do not defend saloon-keepers. It is not the correct calling, to our notion, but all the same, there are good men and Masons among them. If a Mason wants to take a drink, let him do so, but bear in mind the cardinal virtue. Total abstinence is not temperance. We believe in sociality in Lodge-rooms—a smoke after every meeting, and a glass of beer thrown in, won't hurt us or lower our standing before God and man. Give us once more of the old-time joviality and sociability. The strict, iron-clad, pipe-clay stock notions of Puritanism are out of place in Masonic Lodges.

To which we say amen! We think the matter has been carried too far, and in the end will do harm. Temperance and Prudence in *words* and *acts*, as well as in *drinks*, are cardinal virtues, and should not be forgotten.

Bro. Stevenson believes in being careful as to *avouchment*, and so do we; and our experience shows that it is not every Mason who is qualified to examine and pronounce upon the *status* of one who claims to be. Masters and members cannot be too careful.

North Carolina, 1889, is treated with good spirit and kindly interest, as the following shows:

Grand Master Robinson delivered a short and business-like address. He says he has endeavored to rule *well*, and surely he must have, for he puts his trust in the right source; hear:

"We again acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God, and thank Him for mercies vouchsafed to us. We invoke His wisdom to guide us in our deliberations."

Would that more of our illustrious brethren were moved by the same sentiment!

He refers proudly to their Orphan Asylum, and well he may, for it is an honor to the Carolinas.

Those North Carolina Masons must be gallant fellows, judging from the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge request the Craft to give more attention to the adoptive rites for ladies."

For the kind things said of Bro. Bain and the Report on Correspondence, we return our thanks, and look forward to another pleasant chat with our far-Western brother.

Bro. George L. Shoup elected Grand Master, the Grand Secretary re-elected.

ILLINOIS—1889.

Emergent Communication at Bloomington, September 6th, 1889, called for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of M. W. Alexander T. Darrah, P. G. M., the Grand Master, John C. Smith, presiding.

The fiftieth annual Communication opened in ample form at Chicago, October 1st, 1889, by the Grand Master. Past Grand Master Joseph Eichbaum of Pennsylvania, and Grand Master Nye of Indiana, being introduced and received in proper form.

The Grand Master delivered a remarkably fine address, from which we cull the following, being of historic value:

Looking back through the dim vista of more than three-quarters of a century to that altar of Freemasonry erected in Kaskaskia, the then flourishing city of the Northwest. "the ancient seat of empire for more than one hundred and fifty years," I see that band of brothers assembled under the authority of Pennsylvania, who formed the first Lodge in the "Territory of Indiana"—for we were not yet the Territory of Illinois—Western Star, No. 107, register Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

That dispensation was issued to "Bro. James Edgar, a Past Master Ancient York Mason," September 24, 1805, signed "Israel Israel, Esquire, Grand Master of Masons," and the Lodge was organized December 12, 1805.

A charter was granted June 3, 1806, and the Lodge was duly constituted September 13, 1806, by Bro. Robert Robinson, a Past Master. The following brethren were duly installed: James Edgar, W. M.; Michael Jones, S. W.; James Gilbraith, J. W.; William Arundel, Secretary; Robert Robinson, S. D.; Dr. George Fisher, J. D.

These brethren were not only the advance guard of this great body of Freemasons—the second in the list of Grand Lodges in the United States—but they were the pioneers of that civilization which has subdued the wilderness and peopled the Mississippi Valley, the heart of this great continent, with millions of the most progressive people the world ever saw. Each one of the brethren named stood among the first of the pioneers of their time, and associated with them, either by affiliation or initiation in the early years which followed, were many whose names adorn the pages of the history of this State and the nation. I mention but a few: Shadrach Bond, the first Governor of this State, as he was the first Grand Master of Masons of the first Grand Lodge of Illinois, organized in 1822, at Vandalia; Henry Dodge, afterwards United States Senator from Wisconsin; Judge James Finney; John Hay, of St. Clair County; Judge Thomas C. Browne; Abner Field, State Treasurer in 1824, when he reported the total revenues of the State during his term as \$83,363.21, leaving balance in Treasury of \$38,556.73. In marked contrast is the report made by your Grand Master when State Treasurer in 1884, sixty years later, when he reported the revenues during his term as \$12,875,447.94, with a balance in Treasury of \$3,902,511.69. We very much question if the growth in material wealth of this State can be more tersely put than in the above statement of its Treasury.

We also find among these early Freemasons, Dr. Horatio Newhall, Dr. Addison Philleo, Capt. H. H. Gear and Charles Gear, each of whom assisted in establishing Masonry in Galena in the early twenties, and the

two latter Masters of Lodges; while, at a later day, we find Judge Sidney Breese; Stephen A. Douglas, United States Senator and the first Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge; General James Shields, United States Senator from three States, the second Grand Orator; Hon. James H. Matheny, the third Grand Orator, who is happily spared to be with us upon this grand anniversary; James A. McDougall, Grand Orator, afterwards United States Senator from California; and Ely S. Parker, the Seneca Indian, lineal descendant of the Indian orator and Freemason, Red Jacket, now, as he was then, the chief of what was once a great confederation, the Six Nations of Northern New York, and himself a Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Do you wonder at the character and standing of Freemasonry in this great Commonwealth to-day? Think of the men I have named, and the many others whose labors are fresh in your memories, who did so much toward the elevation of the Craft in all that makes the true man, the good citizen and the loyal Freemason.

Standing at noontide, at the hour of High Twelve, in the first century of this Grand Lodge, it behooves you and I, my fellow-Craftsmen, to see that this high standard of Freemasonry be maintained; that Freemasonry goes hand in hand with virtue, integrity and morality; that Freemasonry keeps well abreast with all that is great and good in man; that Freemasonry keeps pace with the best and nobler impulses of humanity, and in full sympathy with the patriotism and best sentiment of the honest millions of this favored and enlightened Republic. Let there be no step backward, let there be no faltering; but with that glorious motto, "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," emblazoned on our banners—that principle which has caused our Fraternity to be revered for ages—ever before us, and the practice of which should be the aim of our daily life, we may hope to transmit this high standard of Freemasonry to our successors, and they to theirs, for countless ages yet to come.

Peace abides and prosperity continues, says the Grand Master. And, in fitting terms of eulogy, he mentions the death of M. W. Alexander T. Darrah, P. G. M., and others. He reports Lodges constituted and dispensations issued. Comments thus upon "Divine Rights and Privileges":

If there is a kingdom the size of a county in Rhode Island over which reigns a prince more imbecile than another, that ruler's weakness and tyranny are excused as sanctioned and authorized under the unwritten law of the "Divine Right of Kings." So of the decisions of a vacillating and arbitrary Grand Master: his every act for which there is no law or "landmark," he claims legal and justified as a "prerogative of Grand Master." We don't believe in either. We believe in the doctrine of America: "That all men are created free and equal;" that rulers become such by the will of the people, and are to govern under constitutional and statute law. We thought we had so expressed ourselves in our former address to the Grand Lodge. We know that we were so understood by our own Grand Lodge, but it does seem that our remarks, our attempt at wit, was no more understood by some distinguished writers on Masonic correspondence than was Mark Twain's to the Russian.

States that \$4,855.91 were contributed by Lodges to Johnstown; Masonic Halls were dedicated; corner-stones laid; three decisions and a variety of other official acts.

The Grand Secretary's report is very valuable, containing among other things the result of researches "bearing upon the progress of symbolical Masonry in the United States." His purpose being, as he states, to ascertain the number of Grand Lodges and Members at dates extending from 1760 to 1889. He gives the information in a carefully prepared and valuable table, by which we find North Carolina credited in 1800 with 31 Lodges and 900 Masons; in 1850, 45 Lodges and 1,500—which should be 65 Lodges and 4,000 Masons; and in 1889, 220 Lodges and 7,100 Masons, which should be 8,763 Masons. And in another table is a list of Grand Lodges, date of organization and parentage of the Lodges that assisted at organization. The Grand Lodge of England being credited with parentage of Lodges that organized this Grand Lodge; and North Carolina with the parentage of Lodges that organized the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. *North Carolina should also be credited with those Lodges that organized the Grand Lodge of Mississippi*, the remark in the table being, "No information from Grand Secretary."

The proceedings attending the placing of the cape-stone of *Auditorium* at Chicago, and the celebration of the semi-Centennial Communication of the Grand Lodge, are presented; and, in the latter, we find food for thought and a list of that furnished the stomach on that auspicious occasion, and a most masterly address by Bro. George C. Lorimer, D. D.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota and Victoria were duly recognized.

The Report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins, 245 pages, is a most able and interesting report, containing many things that attracted our attention on our way through it, but which a lack of space and time deprives us the pleasure of noticing fully. Our brother writes well and ably, with a dignity and calm judgment that savors of the Bench.

North Carolina, 1889, is pleasantly noticed, though he does think our "law-makers have been unfortunate in the choice of language." We feel grateful to our brother for the pleasant manner in which he speaks of our labors, and the graceful way in which he parries adverse criticism and disarms the critic. We beg leave to assure our brother that, though we differ in opinion, it will always be with the kindest spirit.

Bro. John M. Pearson elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1889.

The fifteenth annual Communication opened in *ample form* at Purcell, November 5th, 1889, by Grand Master John Rennie. The Grand Master, in his address, alluded to the *fraternal dead*, among them the Grand Tiler, Bro. Caleb M. Beck; reported \$100 to Johnstown; refused to grant

the Lodges the privilege to rent their halls to non-Masonic bodies; recommended an amendment to their "Code of Trials," because:

Owing to the fact that it is almost impossible to secure a two-thirds vote to sustain a charge, I would recommend that the 5th line of Section 9, Code of Trial, be amended by striking out the words "vote of two thirds," and inserting the words "a majority vote therefor."

(Adopted by Grand Lodge); stated that steps had been taken towards establishing a Widows and Orphans' Home and \$500 subscribed; that Dispensations for new Lodges had been numerous, and expressed a doubt as to the wisdom of issuing so many; refused to issue a Dispensation permitting the reconsideration of ballots had on petitions previously rejected, because not within the power of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master; reported several decisions, among them "That Lodges U. D. have no right to receive applications (not concurred in by Grand Lodge).

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota recognized.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported (and it was adopted):

To call off from time to time during the same day or evening is considered to be consistent and Masonic; but the calling off of a subordinate Lodge from one date to another we condemn as irregular and decidedly un-Masonic.

The Report on Correspondence is tripartite work by Bro. E. H. Doyle, P. G. M., Robert W. Hill, S. G. W., and the Grand Secretary; a brief but interesting review.

North Carolina, 1889, is noticed, and the Committee say, among other things:

This Grand Lodge may well be proud of the magnificent work it is doing with its Orphan Home. To it belongs the honor of practically illustrating Masonic principles with a generosity and energy unsurpassed elsewhere if equaled. And this Grand Lodge knows how to persevere in good work as well as how to carry it on. Naturally the proceedings of the annual Communication centred around the orphan work. A motion to relocate the Grand Lodge was defeated, and it will remain at Raleigh.

Bro. Leo. E. Bennett elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

IOWA—1889.

A handsome volume contains the proceedings of the forty-sixth annual Communication at Sioux City, June 4th, 1889, which was opened in ample form by Grand Master Edwin Carlton Blackmar, and an eloquent address of welcome by Bro. J. S. Lawrence, responded to in equally eloquent terms by Bro. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent address, in which he fully presented the several matters of interest that attracted his official attention. Opening, he says:

We meet to-day, my brethren, under more favorable circumstances, in many respects, than for many years past, and it gives me much pleasure to extend to each and all a most hearty, cordial, and fraternal greeting, and to express the hope that your deliberations will be characterized with wisdom and discretion, to the end that the future prosperity of the Craft may be assured.

I congratulate you most heartily upon the fact that the new Code of Laws enacted by you at our last annual Communication have, with few exceptions, given such general satisfaction as to more than meet the most sanguine expectation of those who were active participants in their preparation; and as an evidence of the great benefits resulting to the Craft therefrom, I have the pleasure to report that since the new laws took effect there has been scarcely a question presented to me which could not be answered by reference to some provision of the Code; and while my correspondence with the brethren of the Jurisdiction upon questions of law has been voluminous, yet the large majority of inquiries have come from members of Lodges where there was but a single copy of the Code, and that probably locked up in the Secretary's desk at the Lodge-room!

It is, indeed, a subject of congratulation when a law or Code of Laws give general satisfaction and meet the general wants.

He speaks most feelingly of the dreadful scourge last summer in Jacksonville, and in plain terms sets forth the noble acts of himself and that Jurisdiction in contributing to the relief of that stricken people. And, though he does not tell it, IOWA stands at the head of the list of contributors—(See Florida.)

In regard to the formation of New Lodges, he says:

In authorizing the formation of new Lodges during the past year, I have rigidly adhered to the policy adopted during my first term, and have in all cases made a thorough and exhaustive inquiry into the necessities and advantages to be secured, as well as the disadvantages which might result therefrom, and have endeavored to enforce a strict compliance with the new law governing such cases.

A wise policy, which we commend to every Grand Master.

The condition of the Lodges he reports as fairly good, and he speaks of an element of discord and disturbance existing in their midst which is becoming dangerous to the welfare of Masonry, to-wit: Scottish Rite Masonry of the *Cerneau* stripe. This subject we have but barely noticed in our reports heretofore, as it is unknown within our borders, as far as we know. It seems, however, to be spreading to a considerable, and, from what we have learned of it, we may say, alarming extent. We may, therefore, allude to it again.

Among other matters the Grand Master mentions is the matter of exclusive Jurisdiction of contiguous Grand Lodges, and provision of their new Code for "Concurrent Border Jurisdiction," as follows:

To overcome this difficulty, our new Code very wisely provides that "in cases where a contiguous Grand Jurisdiction has or shall enact a like provision as to this Grand Jurisdiction, and shall give its concurrence thereto, a Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may receive the petition of a resident of such Grand Jurisdiction for membership, either by affiliation or petition for the degrees, in any case where the petitioner resides nearer to the Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction than to a Lodge in the Jurisdiction of his residence. And in all cases of such reciprocal enactments the same right is extended to such Grand Jurisdictions as to residents of this Grand Jurisdiction."

Under the head of *Immortality*, Bro. Parvin writes a most interesting report upon the *dead*, among whom he mentions Bro. Ozias P. Waters, P. G. M., of Iowa.

And following his able report as Grand Secretary, he treats us to a truly inviting feast in his report as Librarian. When we read it we did not exactly covet our neighbor's goods, but we wished we were *there* to enjoy them, or, at least, had something of the same sort. Alluding to the value of books, he produces the following fine piece of rhetoric, cram-full of wholesome truths:

The silly argument is again and again reiterated that but few of the thousands of Masons can avail themselves of its use, and, therefore, "of what use?" Of the one and a half millions of our citizens, how many in Iowa do or can have the use of our growing and already grand State Library at Des Moines? How many of the sixty millions of American citizens can have access to the National Library, the largest in the land? Yet it is a notorious fact, that the legislatures of the States and Nation who make our laws, the judges of the courts who interpret them, and those who execute the nations will do and must from very necessity consult the books which give them the "intellectual life," which has made our own country the "soul of progress;" and without this "knowledge," the "inspiration" which has made us the most free, most intelligent, and most progressive people under the sun would never have been wrought. As in olden times there were a few righteous people, and enough to ward off the righteous indignation of an offended deity, so among the Masons of Iowa there have ever been those whose thirst having been satisfied at this fountain of knowledge have made the knowledge thus acquired available for the common welfare and public good. Without this leaven the loaf had never risen; without this salt the meat had not been preserved. Bread and meat are no more essential to the physical man than is intellectual food, knowledge, book-knowledge, to the mental and moral growth of man and the Order. Get money, get office, get what you may, unless you "get knowledge" of the institution of Freemasonry, of its symbols, its history, its laws and principles, with its ritualistic ceremonies—without this knowledge you may be a Mason in name, and yet no more a Mason than the insignia you wear; for in these latter days men are known as Masons more by a

pin, charm, or badge than by their intellectual attainments in Masonic literature. It is only where ignorance exists that pretences can prevail over true and loyal institutions.

And then gives a list of good things he serves out to those so fortunate as to be there. When we read them we exclaimed, like Dominie Sampson, "*Prodigious!*"

Passing through the proceedings generally, we note the recognition of the United Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria, and the valuable report of the Committee on "*Scottish Rite Masonry*," condemning "the *Cerneau* body of that Rite," which was adopted. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa have now declared against this body, and perhaps other Grand Lodges.

Bro. Parvin again furnished the Report on Correspondence, as able as any of the reports he has ever written. and of it we may say, as he says of another, "The volume is one of history, as well as law and review."

It is shorter than usual, for a reason, we regret to see, which he states as follows:

Having overworked ourself during the winter, we were compelled to seek a rest, and made a trip South. Before going, we tried in vain to induce several able brothers to prepare this report. At a late day we found that, if done at all, we must do it 'mid other pressing labors. Wholly unable, physically and mentally, to do it fully, as heretofore, without neglecting other and more important duties to the Craft at home, we were compelled to omit all review or reference to the Reports on Correspondence, and confine ourself exclusively for the once to a review of the Proceedings proper of those Grand Lodges received at this date. We know that this may be regarded by some as the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out, but it was this or none.

Scattered through this valuable and instructive paper we find many, many things we would like to extract, but we have not the space in which to indulge our desires, and therefore take a few:

Under *Maine*, he says:

Under the head of "Decisions" we read, not only the twice-told tale, but twice two hundred times told account of the Jurisdictions: "I have been called upon to answer a great number of questions, most of which would have been unnecessary had the questioner consulted the Maine text-book before writing to me." Wherefore we would suggest a new title for Grand Master, and let him be called the Private Secretary or General Reader for the Masters of Lodges too lazy to read the text-book placed in their hands for the sole purpose of being read and then lived up to. So long as Grand Masters will continue to answer questions, better answered in the law, they will be made the go-betweens of the law and the Masters of Lodges.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject of uniformity of work, a subject which finds a place in every address

of all the Grand Masters in all past time, and is likely to continue, together with that of decisions, a fruitful theme for all time to come. "All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy."

And under *Michigan*:

One of the questions propounded to the Grand Master for his decision has within a few years past received considerable attention. It is, "Can a Senior Warden, temporarily presiding as Master, sign an order for moneys appropriated *after* the close of the Lodge?" All the authorities so far, we believe, concur in the opinion that he cannot. That the moment his Lodge is closed his authority as presiding officer ceases—unlike that of the Master's, which continues through the year of his service.

North Carolina, 1888, is noticed, and, in commenting upon Grand Master Robinson's address, he says:

The system of Grand Lecturers has proven a failure, he says, for the reason that they carry no authority with them. The inquiry might arise, why not confer upon the Grand Lecturer and his associates the same authority which he proposed to confer upon the District Deputy Grand Masters, when they could do what the Deputies could, and give more instruction in the work and lectures, wherein the former, as a rule, are deficient.

And upon the effort to remove the Grand Lodge to Oxford, he remarks:

The argument presented in favor of retaining the sessions at Raleigh was, that it would enable the members to come up to the State capital during the session of the Legislature, and thus many of the latter body might appear in the Grand Lodge with proxies from the officers of the Subordinate Lodges. This reason alone should have served either to have removed the Grand Lodge and its sessions permanently from the political capital or to have changed the time of meeting. The first four sessions of the Grand Lodge of Iowa were held at the Territorial capital during the session of the Legislature. We woke up suddenly one morning at the election hour to find that the Masons in the Legislature had held a caucus and apportioned the officers among themselves and elected their slate; absolutely running the Grand Lodge and Masonry into the ground. From such a state of things the true Masons of the Jurisdiction revolted, and the next year came up in person, changed the law, and removed the sessions from the capital, and also changed the time of meeting. If the politicians of North Carolina can successfully run the Grand Lodge of Masons in connection with their other multifarious duties, they are paragons of wisdom indeed.

We fervently hope the politicians of North Carolina will never run the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. If once they get hold of it, it will be a sad day for it and Masonry in this Jurisdiction. Bro. Parvin further says:

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address sustained his recommendation as to the appointment of District Deputy Grand

Masters, and provided that the Grand Lecturer should first instruct and qualify those Deputies for the discharge of their duties by teaching them a knowledge of the true work; so the Lodges will no doubt get the work more diluted.

We rather agree with him as to the "*more diluted.*"

Bro. Parvin, for some remarks the writer made in our last report, treats him to some sarcastic criticism, to which, in order to avoid pursuing a personal matter, the writer will only say this: That Bro. Parvin has not fairly represented the position or meaning of the writer, and that the writer does not comprehend how anything he has written could be construed into an accusation against Bro. Parvin of the vanity "of parading his (Bro. P.'s) learning to the world." If it can bear that construction, the writer here disavows any such intention, and that he entertains any such opinion. And notwithstanding Bro. Parvin's prediction as to the future of this writer, he, nevertheless, insists that, however limited his learning may be, yet it is sufficient to recognize and appreciate Bro. Parvin's extensive and valuable learning, his extraordinary Masonic career and devoted services to the Craft.

He closes his review of North Carolina thus:

The Report on Correspondence accompanying this volume, a brief one of sixty pages, is signed by D. W. Bain and Eugene S. Martin. We do not know, but presume the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected, but neither one of the four pages of the cover, on one of which such facts are usually displayed, conveys the information.

The names of the Grand Officers appear on the inside page of the title leaf.

As a part of his report, Bro. Parvin appends instructive monographs upon several Masonic topics, "Ancient Landmarks," "Lodges under Dispensation," "Right of Visitation," etc., etc., which well repay a careful perusal, and to which we would like to refer more fully.

Bro. James DeK. Gamble elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

KANSAS—1889.

The thirty-third annual Communication, held at Wichita, February 20th, 1889, Grand Master Watson M. Lamb presiding.

From his most excellent address we extract the following as of interest:

A third of a century has come and gone since the organization of this Grand Lodge. Thirty-three years ago, the 27th day of last December, a handful of brethren, representing two of the three chartered Lodges in the then Territory of Kansas, met in convention in the city of Leavenworth and resolved, "That we do now proceed to organize a Grand

Lodge for the Territory of Kansas." Bro. John W. Smith, W. M. of Smithton Lodge, No. 140, was Chairman, and Bro. Richard R. Rees was Secretary of the Convention. A Constitution was adopted and a Grand Lodge opened, but owing to there not being present a representation of all the chartered Lodges in the Territory, the completion of the organization was postponed till the 17th day of March following, when the brethren again assembled at the Masonic Hall in Leavenworth. Delegates from all the chartered Lodges, viz: Smithton, No. 140; Leavenworth, No. 150, and Kansas, No. 153, being present, they approved the action of the Convention of December 27th, and proceeded to complete the organization by opening a Grand Lodge, adopting a Constitution and Code of By-Laws, and electing and installing Grand Officers; M. W., Richard R. Rees being elected first Grand Master.

And again:

It may be worth our while in passing, to note the progress made in the third of a century since the organization of this Grand Lodge. At that time there were three chartered Lodges, with a membership of less than one hundred; now there are three hundred and four Lodges, with a membership aggregating nearly sixteen thousand. At that time the Grand Lodge was without a dollar in the treasury; now there is a balance of over ten thousand dollars in the general fund, and nearly two thousand in the charity fund. This, to my mind, is very satisfactory, and reflects credit upon the financial management of this Grand Body, and the Craft generally throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Among the fraternal dead, he mentions R. W., Daniel Vandustice, the first Grand Junior Warden of that Grand Lodge, and others in other Grand Jurisdictions.

He reports fraternal relations to be very satisfactory, and says of *Masonic Trials*:

In this connection, I desire to remark what has doubtless been observed by nearly every member of this Grand Lodge, viz: that Masonic trials are not peculiarly productive of peace and harmony in the Lodges in which they originate, and that it is far better to allow trivial offenses to pass with a word of admonition and good counsel than to involve a Lodge in turmoil and strife that will perhaps take years to allay. In a large proportion of the trials that have come under my personal observation, or of which I have had knowledge, official or otherwise, I regret to say that it is extremely difficult to discover that harmonious relation which should ever exist between the evidence and the verdict. Indeed, it has been observed that not unfrequently, in so far as the aforesaid harmony is concerned, the rendering of the latter might as well have preceded the taking of the former. And, brethren, can a just verdict be reasonably expected as the result of a trial by a jury composed of the entire Lodge of which the defendant is a member, or within whose Jurisdiction he may reside, and among the members of which he is almost certain to count his warmest friends. I earnestly recommend to your careful consideration an amendment to our laws, providing for the trial of all controversies, as well as offenses against the body of Masonry, by a commission, to be selected from a Lodge other than the one of which the interested parties are members.

We cannot, however, endorse his recommendation that the trial should be by a commission selected from another Lodge; and, with all its faults, we believe it is safer to stick to the old plan.

Many Lodges were organized and Dispensations granted.

We quote the following with approval:

In granting Dispensations to confer degrees out of time, I invariably made it a condition that the brother on whose account the Dispensation was granted should exhibit a suitable degree of proficiency in the lectures of the preceding degree prior to his advancement. I also required the W. M. and Secretary of these Lodges to make and forward to me a certified transcript of the minutes of the Communication at which any action was taken under such Dispensations.

We do not believe that *hurrying to be made* a Mason makes a good one, and, in our opinion, few are the cases in which a Dispensation should be granted.

Of *Grand Representatives*, he says:

On this subject I have only to report that, with one notable exception, your Grand Master has not been disturbed by any communications or documents from them whatever.

[The *writer*, having the honor to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, begs leave to state that, immediately upon the close of every annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, since his appointment, he has forwarded a report to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, believing (as he does) that it was an obligation he assumed when he took the office, and is a part of the duties thereof].

Of *Public Parades*, he says:

Numerous applications were received for Dispensations to permit Lodges to appear in public on Decoration Day, the Fourth of July and other occasions. In reply to these applications, I informed the Lodges that the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge permitted a Lodge to publicly celebrate St. John's Day in June and December, and one other day in each year, without obtaining special authority therefor, but that, in my opinion, it was not proper for a Lodge to appear in public except on strictly Masonic occasions, or to perform some duty or ceremony consistent with Masonic usage. While I believe it to be the duty of every Mason to join in the due observance of the day set apart for the decoration of the graves of those patriotic citizen-soldiers who gave their services, if not their lives, to maintain the integrity of this nation, and also in the celebration of the anniversary of our national independence, I am of the opinion that it should be done as comrades and citizens, and not as members of any society, secret or otherwise.

We endorse this, and also the following, as to the duty of Grand Lecturer:

I would also make the Grand Lecturer an inspector, not only of the proficiency of the officers of Lodges in the esoteric Work and Lectures,

but also as to their methods of conducting the business affairs of their respective Lodges, the manner in which their records are kept and their knowledge of the laws of the Grand Lodge and the usages of the Craft generally. The Grand Lecturer should be competent and should be required to give instruction in all these matters to such officers of Lodges as might be in need thereof.

Especially "the methods of conducting business," &c., for we have seen Masters of Lodges who could confer degrees *splendidly*, as the members said, but who knew nothing of Masonic law, and committed all sorts of errors. In our opinion, the conferring of degrees is but a portion of a Master's duty, and if he faithfully performs all the duties of that high and responsible office, he has much to learn besides the Ritual.

The many *Decisions* reported seem to be controlled by local law, and hence we omit notice.

We do not like so well his remarks on *Non-Affiliates*, but admit it is a most difficult subject to handle, as our own proceedings show.

Altogether, a fine address, with many valuable suggestions

Another elegant and interesting oration was delivered by Bro. Samuel C. Busser, Grand Orator—" *Masonry; Its Meaning and Influence*" - in which we found much to admire.

Proceedings of local interest.

[We submit, for the consideration of the Grand Secretary, that the name of your Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, is not Eugene P. Martin, as appears on page 211 of Proceedings, but Eugene S., a small matter, but it is sometimes just as easy to be right].

And now Bro. John H. Brown comes again with one of his valuable, well-written and very interesting Reports on Correspondence, to which he devotes 170 pages, and in which, as we read it through, we find much that agreed exactly with our way of thinking, all of which we would like to set forth in full, but cannot.

We select the following, as expressing our thoughts, under *Maine* :

As a general rule, there is entirely too much ado made over these so-called Masonic trials, and usually result in more or less injury to our Masonic Institution. What Lodges should seek to do, is to get at the truth with as little publicity as possible, and we should never, for a moment, forget that we are dealing with matters dear to our Institution and the brother who is on trial. While we would require these trials to be conducted under strict rules, we would not favor the observance of all the technical rules of a court of justice.

And this, under *Texas*, which deserves careful perusal, and thought afterwards. It is *sound* :

True Masonic prosperity means more than signs, grips and words; more than conferring degrees and Lodge routine work. It means high

social and moral training, and its text-books, its literature and the various Proceedings of Grand Bodies that annually assemble as Masons, point out the way by which both may be attained. The Lodge-room should, therefore, become a place for such instruction as would inspire thinking, and lead to the stable upbuilding of the character of its members. Where such provision is made and persistently applied, Lodges are not only well-attended, but the members, as well singly as in a body, become a power to repress violence and crime, to elevate the moral instincts and deepen the feeling of social responsibility.

To make a man a Mason means, if rightly understood, to give him such instruction, not only once, but repeatedly—each time extending its scope—as will lead him to pursue the straight path, which leads to intelligent and elevated manhood. The initiate has the right to demand this much from the officers of his Lodge, and they are in duty bound to give him the instruction. If they are able to do it, but do it not, they are delinquent to obligation; if unable to instruct, they should vacate their posts and range themselves with the initiates.

When a man calls himself a Mason, but has no knowledge of its principles or doctrines, and imagines that the private work is the sum total of Masonry, it is evident that he has mistaken the society in which he should be enrolled. He may be an honest man, pay his dues, attend funerals of his brethren, contribute to some charities and be present at Masonic festivals, but since the profane do as much and sometimes more, he has no valid right to call himself or be esteemed a Freemason, for he neither understands the fundamental principles of the Institution, nor even comprehends their best illustrations. An adept he may be in parrot-work, but ask him why and wherefore, and his vocation is at an end. Where such Masons are at the head of Lodges they should be promptly dismissed and brethren of competency elected to supply the vacant East.

Enter any Lodge that is prosperous, and you will find the East occupied by a brother naturally bright, a careful student and a candid instructor. Those whom he makes Masons will neither forget the solemnity of the proceedings nor the earnestly-delivered instruction given, and when raised will enter the ranks prepared in mind to imitate the wholesome, instructive example he has set, and in after life recur to it as a bright spot in their lives—the one from which they date the beginning of a new life among men.

North Carolina, 1888, receives very fraternal attention, and in commenting on that part of Grand Master Robinson's address on the general condition of Masonry, Bro. Brown says:

The only way that a reformation in this particular can be brought about is to adopt a rule that no Lodge hereafter shall be organized and set to work under a charter and its officers installed until they shall have satisfied the Grand Master that they have provided themselves with suitable room furniture, such as will at least make their Lodge-room comfortable and home-like, and such rule should be in all cases rigidly enforced.

And again, the social feature of Masonry. After quoting our Grand Master, he says:

Kansas has always favored the more frequent indulgence of the social feature of our Fraternity, and much has been said from time to time in

these reports upon this subject, believing that the indulgence of which would tend very greatly to increase the interest of the Craft in the meetings of our Lodges and, moreover, serve to strengthen the bonds of fraternal brotherhood.

He is pleased to speak well of our Report on Correspondence, endorsing opinions expressed by us; and after quoting and agreeing with our views on "*Masonic politicians*," well says:

Masonry never has, and it is to be hoped never will have, any use for "*Masonic politicians*;" they are a disturbing element, and should never, in any sense of the word, be tolerated in our Institution.

George C. Kenyon elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

The seventy-seventh annual Communication held at New Orleans, February 11, 1889, Grand Master Charles F. Buck presiding.

In his address, the Grand Master says the year has been fairly active and prosperous. Refers in Necrology to the death of two illustrious Masons on the other side of the Atlantic; successive Emperors of Germany, William I, and his son Frederic III; reports several decisions, among which we find the following:

Fourth. In several Lodges the question of the right of an officer installed to resign, was agitated. The rule is well settled, and the principle ought to be well known, that whatever may be said in regard to the minor positions, a Worshipful Master or Warden, installed, cannot resign to the Lodge. It is a question whether it can be done at all, but custom and precedent seem to recognize that the Grand Master may accept such resignation, or authorize the Lodge to do so and elect a successor. I have followed this rule.

Where does he get the authority for saying "but custom and precedent seem to recognize that the Grand Master may accept such resignation?" &c. We have never heard of it before, and always thought, from our studies, that an installed officer could not resign. It may be peculiar to that Jurisdiction.

Upon another matter, the secrecy of the ballot, and his remarks thereon, we fully agree with him. And while on this subject, we set forth here a part of a Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the address, as being, in our opinion, the correct doctrine, and has our hearty endorsement:

The secrecy of the ballot is indispensable, and its necessity cannot be too often impressed upon the brethren; it is the bounden duty of every Master to frequently call attention to it in his Lodge, and to insist upon

its importance : it should be taught to every brother upon his attaining the third degree and before he shall have been called upon to exercise his privilege of voting. The secrecy of the ballot is absolute ; not only are we prohibited from endeavoring to ascertain how any of our brothers voted, but we are forbidden to disclose our own vote ; no matter which way a brother votes he must not state it, and it is obvious that this must be so or there would be no secrecy.

This matter is so important, so fundamental, that it must be admitted that a Lodge which tolerates the violation of the secrecy of the ballot is incompetent to hold its charter, and that a Master who permits it is unworthy to continue in his office.

Among the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions who were fraternally received, we note the presence of W. M., S. M. Todd, P. G. M., the Representative of North Carolina.

Our distinguished Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, again presents one of his able and unique (as to form) Reports on Correspondence, which we have enjoyed reading. Much valuable information conveyed in a clear, perspicuous style. We especially admire his remarks under the head, "The Ritualism of Freemasonry," and would like to quote it all, not to mention other subjects, but cannot for lack of space. We believe with him, however, when he says: "The *letter*, which killeth, would give place to the *spirit* (of the institution), which giveth life." The *form* being everything, the substance and meaning of the work ignored. We also enjoyed and commend his very valuable remarks on "Masonic History." North Carolina not noticed.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MAINE—1889.

The seventieth annual Communication opened in ample form at Portland on May 7th, 1889, by Grand Master Frank E. Sleeper, who delivered a most interesting address, in which he says a year of prosperity to the Fraternity had passed ; notes the death of prominent Masons ; reports prompt and generous donations for the relief of Jacksonville sufferers, continued until stopped by the request of the Chairman of Masonic Relief Committee of that city ; several decisions, in which we concur, and in regard to Dispensations says, which pleases us :

I have refused in several instances to grant Dispensations for Lodges to parade upon Memorial Day, and other non-masonic occasions. I have also refused in every instance to grant Dispensations to receive petitions and ballot in less than the usual time, unless it was clearly shown that the petitioner had not neglected any earlier opportunity of applying for his degrees.

The proceedings relate to local matters.

The very able Report on Correspondence by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, is a most valuable and instructive document, and our great regret

is that we have not time or space to do it justice. We, however, extract a few of the matters discussed therein.

Under *Alabama* he says :

He holds, also, that the Senior Warden, in the absence of the Master, from whatever cause, succeeds to the chair, and, therefore, that the election of a Master to fill a vacancy, is an infringement upon the rights of the Senior Warden. We have been so taught.

And we have been taught the same.

Under *Iowa*, which is of peculiar interest to this Grand Lodge :

In 1789 a convention met to form the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Up to that time the universal plan of masonic government had been that the Grand Lodge was the supreme authority, and Lodges derived all their powers by grant from the Grand Lodge. But just at that time, the draft of the Constitution of the United States had been submitted to the people of the country, and the convention, undoubtedly assuming that a good *civil* constitution must be a good *masonic* constitution, took this draft for their model. In so doing, the old plan of masonic government was reversed; and the Grand Lodge was practically made to receive its powers from the Lodges, and to have only such powers as were granted to it. As amendments to the Constitution of the United States could only be made by the concurrent action of the Congress and two-thirds of the States, the convention provided that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge should be amended only by the concurrent action of itself and two-thirds of the Lodges. This novel method that Grand Lodge transmitted to its daughter, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, formed in 1813, which gave it to the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1821, and she, in her turn, to the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1844. It originated with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and was transmitted by that Grand Lodge to its descendants; and with the exception of a few imitators, these were the only Grand Lodges which adopted that system. They were not in fact Sovereign Grand Lodges.

Ultimately the Grand Lodge of Iowa changed its system, and became a Sovereign Grand Lodge, by obtaining the power to amend its Constitution in such manner as it should itself prescribe: this was by no means a "*slight* amendment."

And, in substance, he repeats the same under *Missouri* and *California*, stating under the last the *correct* year when the convention met, 1787.

Not having access to the Constitution of other Grand Lodges prior to 1787, we cannot say whether North Carolina *originated* a change or not. But we do not see how the change, if any, affects the *sovereignty* of the Grand Lodge.

Under *Michigan*, criticising the decision of a Grand Master:

We regret to find that he decides that the name of one objecting after ballot must be entered on the record: we should as soon think of requiring a brother, who throws a black ball, to have his name recorded: and we are the more surprised, because he further decides that the objection "has the same effect as a rejection by ballot."

And we agree with him.

North Carolina, 1889, receives fraternal attention, and we extract, with pleasure, the following, which we endorse and recommend to the consideration of this body:

The Grand Master made an argument for the establishment of the District Deputy system that was irresistible, and the Grand Lodge adopted his recommendation, and provided for the appointment of those officers, who are to visit every Lodge once at the expense of the Grand Lodge. We fear, however, that by making the number too small, the system will not prove fully successful. A large number of small districts require less travel and expense than a small number of large districts, if every Lodge is to be visited. The number of Deputies was fixed at eight: this gives about *thirty* Lodges for each Deputy. To visit so many requires more time than men, competent for the position, can afford to give without pay; besides, North Carolina is a very large State, and the total amount of travel for one man to reach thirty Lodges, must be more than double what it would be if the territory were divided and two men employed: not only is the amount of travel doubled, but the aggregate amount of time largely increased, so that the burden, both upon the Grand Lodge and upon the Deputies, is also increased. This is proved mathematically as well as by our experience in Maine; we have a less number of Lodges in a smaller territory, and yet we have *twenty* districts, in the place of five or six, as was formerly the case. We believe thoroughly in the system, and hence it is that we devote this space to it, hoping our North Carolina brethren may derive benefit from our experience.

He is pleased to speak approvingly of our Report on "Correspondence, and discusses our opinion on several matters of Masonic law, which has received our careful consideration.

In regard to our opinion that a Lodge cannot be opened in the absence of the Master and Wardens, he says:

We would be glad to have him examine the law and usage of the Grand Lodge from which his own has sprung, and tell us what there is in the "reason of the thing" to overcome that law and usage.

We must confess that we do not exactly understand what Bro. Drummond means, but in stating our reasons for holding as we do, we, perhaps, may answer the question. General Regulations, section 2. provides that the Master has the right and authority of congregating the members of his Lodge, &c.; in his absence the Senior Warden shall act, unless a Past Master be present, "*though he (the Past Master) cannot act until the said Senior Warden has once congregated the Lodge, or in his absence the Junior Warden.*"

Thus showing the necessity of one of those officers being present.

The "Masonic Code" of North Carolina provides: "The Master has power to convene his Lodge; or, in his absence, the Wardens by seniority," and declares all Communications otherwise convened as *clandestine*.

The charge to the Senior Warden at installation says: "In the absence of the Master, you are to govern this Lodge."

The charters granted by Grand Lodges generally for a new Lodge contain substantially the following provisions, after naming the brothers who are to be Master and Wardens: Granting power to *said officers* to admit and make Masons; to them and *their successors* to hear and determine all matters and things relating to the Craft in the Jurisdiction of the Lodge; to install *their successors* and invest them in the same authority.

And the *Master* (who is charged with the preservation of the charter) *and the Wardens* are alone recognized as officers responsible for the actions and proceedings of the Lodge. Now, if any one can step in and convene the Lodge in the absence of these officers, where is the justice of holding them responsible? It is against reason.

A Grand Lodge may pass an edict granting the power to a Past Master, or any member, to convene a Lodge so-called, but it is contrary to the ancient customs and usage of the Craft, and should relieve the Master and Wardens of all responsibility.

Moreover, we think a Master is very culpable who surrenders the charter of his Lodge to any one save the Wardens, and then only for the purpose of convening *his* Lodge.

As to our opinion, denying the right of an accuser *per se* to appeal, in addition to what we have already said, we will add, should it so happen in any case, that a Lodge violates the law or justice in rendering a judgment, we think a proper representation of the matter to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, would receive attention and cure the evil. This covers the main point contended for by Bro. Drummond.

Much as we would like to continue the review of his valuable report, must close or be excommunicated.

Bro. Albion E. Chase elected Grand Master, Grand Secretary re-elected.

MANITOBA—1889.

Special Communication at Prince Albert, June 20, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of Nesbit Academy.

Fourteenth annual Communication at Winnipeg, February 13, 1889, and opened in *due form* by Bro. James A. Ovas as Grand Master.

The address of Grand Master Thomas Clark was read, in which we find among the decisions the following:

In opening and closing a Lodge of Master Masons it is necessary to open in full in the three degrees; but in closing, I see no objection to closing in the third and second degrees in short form and in *full* on the first degree.

And, also, the following announcement of the dead:

The death that touches us most nearly is that of M. W., Bro. The Hon. Thomas White, one of the ablest advisers of His Excellency in the Dominion Cabinet. He was called away after a brief illness in the midst of his usefulness, and his removal is regarded by all thoughtful men as a national loss.

And the following explanation of his absence from the Communication:

A sore bereavement has come upon me with such appalling suddenness, and with such crushing weight, that it is with extreme difficulty I can throw these few sentences together. If to some of you it seems a weakness, dear brethren, I pray you cover it with the mantle of a Mason's charity, and may our Heavenly Father preserve you all from such a sorrow.

We extend to our Most Worshipful Brother our fraternal sympathies and the hope that ere this the cup of sorrow has passed by.

Proceedings of local interest, though we quote the following from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

A Communication dated February 3d, 1888, from M. W., Bro. Anderson, P. G. M. of Florida, having been referred to us by the M. W. Grand Master, as to the right of a visiting Mason to ask for a sight of the charter of the Lodge before examination, your Committee is of the opinion "that a visiting brother has not the right to ask for a sight of the charter of the Lodge before examination."

No Report on Correspondence.

Bro. James D. O'Meara elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MARYLAND—1888.

The one hundred and second annual Communication commenced in Baltimore, November 20th, 1888, Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock present.

The Grand Master, in his address, informs us that relations are harmonious; eulogizes the Grand Secretary, Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, upon having spent twenty-five years in that office and doing valuable services the whole time; reports two decisions; refuses a Dispensation to confer the M. M. degree upon a F. C. who was not sufficiently instructed in the work (*good*), and presents a most charming picture of Masonry in his Jurisdiction.

The proceedings, devoted to local matters, were enlivened by the celebration, in the most fraternal manner, of the "silver wedding," or twenty-fifth anniversary of Bro. Medairy's term of service as Grand

Secretary, and, besides, an expression of the high estimation in which he was held. He was presented with many valuable gifts, and, in return, gave a most interesting "history" of those twenty-five years.

No Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MARYLAND—1889.

Special Communication at Baltimore, May 2d, 1889, for the purpose of receiving and duly entertaining Bro. Hamilton Murrell, an E. A. of Fidelity Lodge, England, Captain of the steamship "*Missouri*," for gallant services in saving the crew and passengers of the disabled ship "*Danmark*." The occasion was made one of several eloquent eulogies, and Bro. Murrell was presented with a beautiful gold medal.

The one hundred and fifth stated Communication began May 14th, 1889, Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock being received as is usual in that Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master states in his address a most favorable condition of affairs; again adverts to "the sanctity of the Lodge seal" and the importance of a proper use of the same; decides that a Masonic diploma is not a sufficient avouchment of a Mason (to which we will agree); and announces that the "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," by Bro. E. T. Schultz, is now completed; a valuable work, no doubt, from the known ability of the author.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was duly recognized, and the other proceedings relate to local affairs.

An admirable and most interesting Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. E. T. Schultz, of 176 pages, the work evidently of an able writer and intelligent Mason. We select some of his views upon a subject of general interest.

Under *Alabama*, he says:

While we are prepared to admit that a non-affiliate has no right *per se* to "Masonic burial," a law or regulation of a Grand Lodge that *forbids* its subordinate to give Masonic burial to such a one, is, in the opinion of your Committee, an unwarrantable interference with the rights of subordinate Lodges; unless, indeed, Alabama has followed the lead of some of the Western Grand Lodges in depriving non-affiliates of all rights of the Fraternity. We hardly think, however, that old and conservative Jurisdiction has *progressed* quite that far.

We do not consider a non-affiliate *entitled*. And this, for which he has much justification:

Yes, because several distinguished English Masonic writers have stated in their recent publications that they have been unable to find documentary evidence to verify some of the statements of Anderson

and Oliver, a number of our American writers at once jumped to the conclusion that all the statements of Anderson and Oliver regarding the antiquity of Freemasonry are *mythical*, hence it has become quite fashionable to sneer when any reference is made to these writers.

Under Kentucky :

Under Iowa, Bro. Grant expresses views in consonance with those expressed by your Committee, to-wit: *no one*, not even the Grand Master, can preside in a Subordinate Lodge (chartered) until one of the principal officers thereof has "congregated" it, and cites the General Regulations and various authorities in support of his position.

Of course the Grand Master *may*, either in person or by proxy, open a Lodge in the absence of the officers, but this can only be done on the supposition that he has suspended or arrested the charter.

This accords with our view.

Under Wyoming :

We are clearly of the opinion that an installed officer should not be permitted to dimit; he obligated himself to the performance of certain duties for a specified time, and should be held to his promise. Should an officer remove from the Jurisdiction, or otherwise be incapacitated from performing the duties of his office, another may perform these duties, precisely as in the case of an officer suspended from the functions of his office for misconduct.

We again agree.

He furnishes an instructive sketch of Cerneau Masonry, referring to the action of other Grand Lodges in regard to it.

North Carolina, 1889, receives pleasant and fraternal attention, in which he says, alluding to the system of District Deputy Grand Masters:

We do not like the term "District Deputy Grand Masters." We think our "Grand Inspectors" far better.

But he makes a great mistake in stating:

A resolution was adopted to the effect that hereafter the Grand Lodge will hold its Communications in the town of Oxford.

It was *voted down* by 340 to 64 Lodges. (Proceedings, page 28.)

In reply to what our Maryland brother so pleasantly and kindly says of the writer, we express our thanks, and, with him, our regrets at losing Bro. Bain from the Chairmanship of the Committee.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS—1889.

Quarterly Communication at Boston, March 13th, 1889, Grand Master Henry Endicott present.

A special Communication at Cambridge, May 15th, 1889, to lay the corner-stone of the new City Hall, the Grand Master presiding.

Quarterly Communication June 12th, 1889, and special Communication August 1st and 8th, 1889, the former for the purpose of dedicating the monument to the Pilgrim Forefathers at Plymouth, which was done with imposing ceremonies.

Quarterly Communication September 11th, 1889, Grand Master Henry Endicott present. Business of local interest, except the recognition of the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Victoria.

MICHIGAN—1889.

A fine engraving of a fine-looking Grand Master, Wm. B. Wilson, is the frontispiece of the volume, which contains the proceedings of the forty-fifth annual Communication held at Detroit, January 22d, 1889, Grand Master Wilson presiding.

An interesting document is his address, from which we quote :

The return of the annual meetings of our Grand Lodge, are always looked forward to as a source of enjoyment and pleasure, and bring with them emotions of gratitude and good will, and are fraught with the most beneficial and salutary results to the craft. We meet here in council for the purpose of reviewing the proceedings of the past year, legislating for the common interests and advancement of our beloved order; to exchange our affectionate and fraternal greetings one with another, and unite our efforts for the extension and perpetuation of every moral and social virtue.

It affords me great pleasure to be able to congratulate the Grand Lodge, as well as the Subordinate Lodges, on the general prosperity, and the elevated position masonry has assumed in our grand Jurisdiction. With a very few exceptions, prosperity, peace and harmony abide in our Lodges, and their labors are crowned with the beautiful Masonic symbol of union and friendship. During the past year, the order has largely increased both in numbers and influence, and I am assured that those who have united with us, and have been permitted to enter our "sanctum sanctorum," are men of moral and intellectual worth, and none others should ever be allowed to cross the threshold of our temple, or profane its altars.

His official acts—instituting new Lodges, granting Dispensations—seem to have been many, and his correspondence large.

Of the *Masonic Home*, he says :

Mention has been made by my immediate predecessors, Past Grand Masters Shoemaker and Hatheway, to the efforts being made by the brethren to establish a Masonic Home in the city of Grand Rapids. This is a practical work of charity, and I do not think it out of place to bring

the matter to your attention. This is the first opportunity the Craft of this State have had to dispense charity in this truly commendable manner. This enterprise ought to receive special attention from the Masonic fraternity of this Jurisdiction. We cannot be too often reminded of our duty to the aged brother, or his widow and orphans. The Masonic Home is organized to take these persons under its fostering care, and that she will faithfully guard the interests of all, the individuals composing the board of trustees is a sufficient guarantee. I cannot refrain from commending this great Masonic charity to your consideration. Other States have aided similar enterprises by voting pecuniary aid, and with their advice and counsel. I am informed that already the foundation is laid for this institution, and large expenditures have been made for grounds, *et cetera*; and let us, as good and true Masons, give what aid we can without material injury to ourselves, so that when we shall have passed "to the far away beyond" our works will live after us.

Seeing the good our Orphan Asylum has done, we congratulate our sister Jurisdiction upon their efforts and wish them all success.

The death of M. W., J. E. Johnson, P. G. M., is reported in fitting terms, and a very large number of decisions. We note especially the following with our full endorsement:

No. 58. Statement. It is known that some members of our Lodge have boasted that no more candidates should be elected to receive the degrees in this Lodge, and in consequence we have not been able to do any work for some time past. There are a number of good men who are desirous of joining our order, but we cannot recommend our friends to send in their petitions to have them rejected.

Q. What would you advise us to do in this matter?

A. If you can prove that any member of your Lodge has made the above statement, or that any brother casts a black ball simply for the purpose of stopping the work of the Lodge, it is a Masonic offense, and charges should be preferred against the brother or brothers, and if found guilty, they should be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Among the proceedings, which are of local interest, we find a report of a Committee on *Suitable Dress* for funeral occasions, and extract the following recommendation:

Resolved, That the proper clothing to be worn at Masonic funerals, and which is hereby adopted as such by this Grand Lodge, shall consist of black coats, pants, vest and hat, white gloves and apron, crape on left arm above the elbow, and a sprig of evergreen on the left breast; the apron, which is the distinguishing badge of a Mason, *in all cases*, to be worn *outside* the coat. While it is not meant to be obligatory, yet all Lodges in this Jurisdiction are hereby recommended, and most strongly urged, to require their members to conform to this resolution in all cases where it will not work a hardship upon them.

A very able Report on Correspondence is presented by that master workman Bro. Wm. P. Innis, covering 312 pages of most interesting matter—North Carolina, 1888, receiving a due share of attention.

In referring to the Report on Correspondence, he says :

Michigan, we regret to find, is not among the number reviewed. Brother Bain, get up and explain.

We can only say in reply, that we did not receive it, and regret it, as it always delights us to read a report from Bro. Innis. His report for 1888 is noticed in ours of 1889.

Bro. W. Irving Babcock elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

MINNESOTA—1889.

The thirty-sixth annual Communication was held at St. Paul, January 16th, 1889, and opened in due form by Deputy Grand Master J. A. Kiester, the Grand Master being absent on account of illness, which we regret to learn, and extend our fraternal sympathy to our Most Worshipful brother, with the hope that ere this he has fully recovered.

The address of the D. G. Master presents, in brief, his official acts, which, owing to the short period he acted, were not many or of general interest. No decisions are reported, and, in conclusion, he states "the favorable condition of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction."

The proceedings are of a local character.

Bro. A. T. C. Pierson again presents one of his able and interesting Reports on Correspondence, covering 141 pages, which we have read with pleasure, wishing, however, that he had given us more of his comments.

North Carolina, 1888, receives kindly attention, Grand Master Robinson's address and the Report on Correspondence particularly.

Bro. Jacob A. Kiester elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI—1889.

The seventy-first annual Communication was held at Meridian, February 14th, 1889, Grand Master M. M. Evans presiding.

A most excellent address is presented by the Grand Master, who first pays a fitting tribute to *Our Fraternal Dead*, noting among others the death of Bro. Joseph W. Speight, P. G. M. of that Jurisdiction, and then recites his official acts, the laying of corner-stones, dedication of Lodge halls, and Dispensations, upon which he says :

On this subject I desire to say to Worshipful Masters and those ambitious so to be, that it is exceedingly embarrassing to Grand Masters to receive letters asking for Dispensations in which no clear or legal reason is given why the request should be granted. It is not sufficient to state

that "The candidate is going away," or "is compelled to leave this part of the country," and desires a Dispensation in his favor. In order to insure the granting of a Dispensation, it ought to be established to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that there has arisen some sudden emergency since the petition was received, and that the emergency does not consist simply of a little inconvenience or impatience on the part of the candidate. A proper observation of this admonition will save your future Grand Masters no little embarrassment; to say nothing of wasted time and telegraph bills.

He reports fifteen decisions, among them :

That a Warden, while such, is eligible to the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

Which we think is questionable.

The Grand Secretary makes an interesting report, and closes with an appropriate and well-written original poem, which we are strongly tempted to set out in full, but lack of space forbids.

The report on Necrology is remarkably good, as are also the eulogies delivered by P. G. Masters P. M. Savery and Frederic Speed.

Among the reports of Grand Representatives of that Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges we find one from Bro. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., Representative near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Bro. A. H. Barkley opens a fine Report on Correspondence thus :

In looking over the Masonic field during the past year, we have found much to interest, instruct and enlarge the mind of the Masonic student. The principles and tenets of this time-honored Institution ever remain the same, nor will its true votaries ever consent to innovations upon the body of Masonry. A search among the archives, and a closer study of the mission and intent of Masonry, oftentimes brings out into clearer light, great truths which before were but imperfectly, if at all, understood. A new impetus is being given to the study of the cardinal virtues, and a proper application of the principles of moral rectitude has in every instance tended to the correction of evil. "There are great truths at the foundation of Freemasonry—truths which it is its mission to teach." To find out these great truths, to appropriate to ourselves the pure lessons which they impart, and make them the rule of our conduct, is a duty incumbent on every Mason. *To be good and true men is the foundation of every virtue.* Every truth brought to light in Masonry, inculcates the principles of *Morality*. The jewels of every Mason are *Morality* and *Brotherly Love*, and these we are to exemplify in what we do.

He ably reviews the Proceedings and Reports on Correspondence of other Grand Lodges. North Carolina, 1888, receives most pleasant attention, extracts being made from the address of Grand Master Robinson, and the Report on Correspondence spoken of in the most fraternal and flattering manner. We sincerely thank our elder brother for his words of encouragement and kindness, very gratifying to one then

writing his first report. Should he do us the favor to read our later reports he will see that we still endeavor to observe the excellent rule he lays down, viz: to respect the views and opinions of others, and which he was pleased to say was a feature which characterized our former report.

Bro. Wm. G. Paxton elected Grand Master, Grand Secretary re-elected.

MISSOURI—1889.

The sixty-ninth annual Communication convened at St. Louis, October 15th, 1889, Grand Master James P. Wood presiding.

The Grand Master's address is most excellent, both as to style and substance, as the following extracts will show:

The past year will be remarkable in the history of Freemasonry in Missouri as "Dedication Year," it having witnessed the formal inauguration of the grandest enterprise ever conceived by Missouri Masons. I allude to the formal dedication of our "Masonic Home," which will be more fully referred to hereafter in this address. While we congratulate ourselves on these things, let us not forget Him in whom we professed to put our trust when kneeling for the first time upon a representation of the ground-floor of King Solomon's Temple. Then we enjoyed the benefit of prayers offered in our behalf to Almighty God. Having thus learned the advantage of faith and prayer, as connected with all our laudable undertakings, let us not forget our obligations to God as the giver of every good and perfect gift. In this age of popular unbelief, Freemasonry teaches lessons of very great value to mankind, and stands as a breakwater against the inflow of corrupting influences, so destructive to the welfare of the race, and detrimental to the permanency of the State. The hearty recognition of, and a true obedience to, the God of Masonry, is as essential as fidelity to the obligations assumed in our passage through the mysteries of our ancient Fraternity. God reigns as supreme, or the universe is a vast and confused abnormity. He governs, or there is no safety to men or worlds. He protects, or we are orphaned and fatherless. As God over all, and in all, we seek His favor, which is life, and adore Him as our chief good, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. To Him be the praises of devout hearts, whose fires of devotion have been kindled anew at our altar of worship this morning, as we have rendered to God our sincere homage.

The dead receive fraternal tributes, and then his official acts are noted. Among them we cite the following as of interest:

The following state of facts was reported to me as having occurred in one of the Lodges at Maryville, to-wit: At a regular meeting of the Lodge only seven members were present, of which the Tiler was one. A candidate was examined as to his proficiency, and, in due time, the ballot was ordered. After all in the Lodge-room had voted, the ballot was declared closed. It was presented to the Junior Warden for inspection, and by him pronounced "fair in the South." When it reached the Senior Warden, that officer challenged the ballot, and raised the question of its legality on the ground that only six ballots were in the

box, and that there was not a quorum—seven—voting, and then and there demanded that the Tiler be invited in and allowed to vote. The W. M. ordered the inspection of the ballot to proceed, and refused to invite in the Tiler, on the ground that he had not heard the examination, and was, therefore, not qualified to vote intelligently. When the ballot reached the East the W. M. pronounced it “pure and white,” and declared the candidate duly elected. The Senior Warden again raised the question of the legality of the election, on the ground that as only six votes were cast there could not be a legal election. The matter was referred to me for decision.

The whole difficulty in the present case grew out of a misinterpretation of section 33, page 53, Book of Constitutions, on the question of “Quorum.” While it is true that this section requires *seven* Master Masons in order to constitute a quorum, and that no ballot or vote shall be taken unless there be present *seven members of the Lodge*, yet the law nowhere says that *seven*, or any other *number* of ballots, is necessary to elect. What the law *does* require is that the ballot shall be “*white*,” or, in other words, that it must be unanimous, and that it shall be taken at a time when a constitutional quorum is present. In this case the Tiler was not invited in to vote, nor did he ask to vote; the Senior Warden made the demand that he should be invited in to vote, but this demand was refused by the W. M., on the ground that the Tiler had not heard the examination. In view of all the facts, I have adopted almost the exact language of Grand Master Garrett, and report the following decision:

The Tiler shall, by his presence in his place at the outer door, assist in forming a quorum. And the failure or refusal of the W. M. to invite the Tiler in to vote on the advancement of a candidate whose examination he had not heard, does not vitiate the result of the ballot. In such a case, although only *six* balls appear in the ballot-box—all of them being *white*—the candidate is duly elected.

This we think correct, it being understood that the Tiler has a right to vote if he demands it. The other decisions are, it seems to us, all sustained by authority; and we quote in full what he says about the summons, and commend it to the attention of the Master of every Lodge:

Although the Master, or the Lodge, has the RIGHT to summon any member of the Lodge, for any purpose within the scope and business of Masonry; yet, this right of summons must not be exercised except in cases of *extreme emergency*. It follows, therefore, that the summoning of members to attend Lodge meetings on *ordinary* occasions, is manifestly improper and unreasonable, and the Master, or the Lodge, guilty of such arbitrary action, should be held responsible therefor.

Under *Appointments*, he says:

I appointed M. W., Bro. D. W. Bain, of Raleigh, North Carolina, Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of that State. A commission was accordingly issued to him for the office. Brother Bain is Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of his State, and our interests are in safe hands.

He reports a special session of the Grand Lodge in St. Louis, June 15th, 1889, for the purpose of dedicating their "Masonic Home." The ceremonies are reported in full in the Appendix, and must have been most beautiful, appropriate and imposing.

We cordially and fraternally congratulate our brethren of Missouri upon the noble and glorious work—

"Under its shade may children's children come,
And welcome Earth's poor wanderers to a home;
Long may it stand and every blast defy
Till Time's last whirlwind sweeps the vaulted sky."

The Grand Lodges of North Dakota, Victoria and New South Wales were duly recognized.

The Report on Correspondence (223 pages) is, as usual, by Bro. John D. Vincil, and every page of it is worthy of careful perusal—Brother Vincil being one of the pioneers among "Reporters."

Under *Arizona*, we find the following comment upon the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, "claiming the old doctrine as correct of 'physical perfection':"

The animus of the above deliverance is manifest. It is the same old purpose to adhere to the regulations as to the *physical* man, ignoring the fact that Masonry now is "*speculative*" or moral, and not operative, as when the old regulations were in full force. At this late day it seems a work of superfluity to argue against the claim of "physical perfectness," as the ground has been traversed thoroughly in past years. The effort to convince brethren that it "is the INTERNAL and not the *external* qualifications of a man which recommends him to Masons" is love's labor lost. The above rule, rigidly enforced, would have excluded some of the brightest and best men of the age, while it is sufficiently latitudinarian to admit men who "swear, and lie, and steal, and swindle, and get as drunk as beggars." The man of good moral character must stand aside, if he happens to be defective in vision, or short one finger, or the part of one, remote from where such finger is needed to comply with the rigid exactions of the above rule; but, while he is pushed aside for such slight defects, the doorway of Masonry may be crowded with lepers, whose highest qualification or fitness for admission is their *physical capacity* for fleshly indulgence and muscular wickedness. One eye of a man may be somewhat defective, or the vision of that eye may be entirely destroyed, yet his purity of life and character fits him for association with the "Sons of Light," while another man with two eyes, who employs them to wink at virtue, or gaze with lustful desire at untainted loveliness, may be admitted to Masonic places because he can SEE.

And under *Florida* :

I must express, from a Missouri standpoint, my surprise at the existence of a law which permits the Master of a Lodge to dimitt while in office. If the Master may do so, the Wardens may follow his example. The Lodge is thus left without any one legally qualified to preside, unless the law of Florida recognizes the power and authority of that modern myth, a Past Master, to assume the control of the Lodge.

Better have a head to your Lodges and keep him there until his successor is chosen and installed. But the most remarkable ruling I have seen for years is based upon what the Grand Master termed a regulation. It was in these words: "When a brother petitions for reinstatement from a suspension of dues for several years, his dues are *continuous* and MUST BE PAID for the WHOLE TERM of his SUSPENSION." This ruling was approved by the Grand Lodge. Of course it was. Any Grand Lodge having such a *regulation* as above referred to, would very naturally, and, of necessity, approve the finding of its Grand Master, in declaring a "*continuous*" penalty against a brother while under suspension for non-payment of dues. This beats Shylock. It discounts Death himself: for when that grim and merciless tyrant claims a victim, he only holds him in custody, but charges nothing up against the prisoner, not even for keeping watch over him. He gives the poor sleeper rest within his silent domain, but brings in no bill for *lodging*. He even furnishes, without charge, the grave-worm to perform constant service for the dead. But Florida Masonry suspends life, and imprisons a brother in the gloomy dungeon of a Masonic grave, and, at the end of each year, charges him up with a bill for being in Limbo.

Of course the suspended brother will feel the glow of warm and fraternal *appreciation* when he comes out of his grave, if he is permitted the blessing of a Masonic resurrection, to find himself the object of a collector, haunting him with an official dun for "continuous" dues. He must pay up or not rise, is the worst feature of the debtor's prison code. The old English law of imprisonment for debt was merciful compared with this Florida regulation, called MASONIC law. The former put a man in prison for debt, but spared his life, besides feeding and furnishing shelter for the unfortunate one. But the Florida law takes away the life of the party, casts him into "outer darkness," holds him responsible for the old claim, and intensifies his punishment by charging him for something for which he never received anything. How is that for justice? And it is called Masonry! The burden is increased by so much as the party is unable to meet his first liability. Charging a brother for what he never received is not the least part of this outrage upon Masonic rights. The demand, "Your money or your life," is cruel enough in all conscience, but this requirement of something for nothing is the standing and burning shame of Masonry. The claim will run on until the victim, willing to pay, but unable, will be called from earth to meet the adjustments of Divine law, merciful and kind. Just as he feels himself a free man and about to enter into the "Holy of Holies" above, he is called to account for "continuous" dues, while a Lodge collector presents the claim that knows no abatement. Pay up or be ———. The spirit of such a law would station a Lodge collector at the grave of an unfortunate brother, with his bill for "continuous" dues, waiting for the resurrection trump to stir the silent dust of the dead, that he might push the claim and demand payment "for the whole term of his suspension." Shylock demanded all that was in the bond. Such a law as above noted asks for more than is in any bond ever dictated or approved by Masonic justice or right. It is as cruel as it is unmasonic. The Grand Master made some very good recommendations in his excellent business address.

We enjoyed this no little, and regret to be compelled to pause just here—only having time to note that North Carolina, 1889, is most fraternally noticed. He says:

I am pleased to record the fact that the system of District Deputies was adopted by the Grand Lodge. I may add, that their system

resembles the one in existence in Missouri, which has proved invaluable to our Grand Masters for many years. Grand Master Robinson reported that six new Lodges had been established during his term. He reported only one decision, and that was a correct interpretation of Masonic Jurisprudence. A Mason had been suspended by his Lodge and took an appeal to the Grand Lodge. The suspended party claimed that the appeal vacated the judgment, and that he had a right to visit Lodges during the time of his suspension, and until the Grand Lodge passed upon the appeal. The Grand Master decided, very properly, that during pendency of the appeal the suspended party had no right to visit Lodges, but that his membership was in abeyance. The Grand Lodge supported the opinion.

And again:

The Masonic Fraternity of North Carolina is doing a great and good work, adding another to the list of Grand Lodges which are devoting their energies and means to the blessed work of charity. Masonic Homes and Asylums for the benefit of the helpless have rapidly taken the place of Masonic Temples, which, in some cases, have proved Masonic elephants. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Bain, the accomplished officer and gentleman, whom I have the pleasure of knowing personally, presented a brief and thoroughly business report. He asked a change in the rule which makes the Grand Secretary Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This was necessary on account of the heavy pressure of official labor.

Bro. Theodore Brace elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MONTANA—1889.

The twenty-fifth annual Communication opened at Great Falls, October 30th, 1889, by Grand Master Arthur C. Logan.

In his excellent address the Grand Master thus refers to the death of Bro. John Maginnis, S. G. W.:

In his death Masonry has lost one of its ablest champions. During the six years that he resided in our midst, he exercised a great influence for good, and the success of Ashlar Lodge is mainly due to his labor. The lofty principles which actuated him in Masonry were carried into his private life, for he was a good citizen, a kind neighbor and a loving husband and father.

States that he had refused numerous petitions to confer degrees without waiting the prescribed time; visited many of the Lodges; constituted Ruby Lodge; no decisions rendered; laid several corner-stones, and makes several suggestions, among them that the degree of P. M. be not required of Masters elect. (Adopted.)

The Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Victoria recognized.

An excellent address was delivered by Bro. Chas. H. Gould, Grand Orator.

Resolution adopted "to have nothing to do with Cerneau Rite."

The record says:

The several Representatives being called on in order, each pronounced a glowing eulogy on the Jurisdiction that had honored him with a commission and promised such great things as made the ordinary brother's eyes bulge out, and, if taken at par, might seriously embarrass the Jurisdictions represented. The triple Representative of Maine, Illinois and Peru, unwilling to appear partial or to do partial justice to his constituent Jurisdictions, asked leave to print his intended eulogies.

A public installation of Grand Officers closed the session.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges again presents one of his delightful, pungent and dashing Reports on Correspondence, pleasant to read and instructive, vivacious in style; yet dignified.

Under *Georgia*:

The severity of the economy practiced in Georgia is strikingly illustrated in the allowance made to the members of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

What does he think of a committee who gets no *allowance*?

And under *West Virginia*:

The custom in West Virginia, as with us, is to ballot for each degree, but they hold that the ballot on advancement is only concerned with the single item of proficiency. If that is so, why not settle it by show of hands, or perhaps still better, leave it to those who are best able to judge of proficiency. With us the ballot covers everything. If there are objections of any kind, then is the time and that is the way to show it.

We agree with him, and "with us the ballot covers everything."

North Carolina, 1889, attracts the pleasant sparkle of his eye, and he says:

There is nothing like having something to live for to give new interest to life.

We read a few days since of two wealthy old maids committing suicide because there was no object in life for them to live for. Of all the desert wastes in the world, the dreariest is the soul that has nothing but itself to love and worship. If those two old maids had gone out and hunted up some little starving, abused and neglected children and spent time and money in rearing them in comfort for lives of honor and usefulness, they would never have thought of suicide. The idea is illustrated to some extent in the case of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The people generally seemed poor and disheartened. Lodges were decaying and dying out and it seemed as if the whole body of Masonry was paralyzed. In the depths of its poverty and discouragement it took hold of the project of an Orphans' Asylum, and found life in giving life to those ready to perish. The good work spread from a few to the many, from Lodge to Church and State, till it seemed that everybody wanted a hand in the good work, and to know how much more blessed it was to give than to receive. Lodges are now reviving and multiplying, wanderers are returning to the fold, illustrating the Scripture "There is

that that scattereth and still increaseth." Why can't others verify the Scripture and get new life by trying to impart it to others?

Bro. B. F. Dixon is custodian of the Masonic work of North Carolina, which is more perfect than any Webb work yet devised.

From the adoption of a resolution requesting the Lodges to give more attention to the adoptive rite for the ladies, we infer that the brethren have found out by experience that in first-class Masonic work there are no better helpers than "the ladies."

He further says, in his comments upon our Report on Correspondence of last year:

We are only pained to see that Bro. Martin puts so much stress on the unhistorical traditions of Masonry. These are only the body before the breath of life entered it. No man whom we know is serving both God and Masonry more consistently than Bro. Parvin, and we hope the time will come when Bro. M. knows him better.

We are truly sorry to have caused Bro. Hedges one moment of pain, and if we knew exactly to what he alludes we would at once endeavor to apply a "soothing syrup" of some kind. But we are in the dark as to the "stress on the unhistorical traditions of Masonry," and the service Bro. Parvin renders to God and Masonry. We did not, in anything we have written, intend to detract (if we could) anything from the extensive, distinguished and valuable services Bro. Parvin has rendered to *Masonry*. We esteem them too highly, and rejoice to know that we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Parvin face to face at the last Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, in Washington, D. C., of shaking his hand and exchanging fraternal greetings. Nor would we, for one moment, indulge a doubt of "his unfeigned piety to God." Brother Hedges must have construed a mere expression of surprise and comparison into a direct charge, to have so misunderstood, as he appears to have done.

Leaving our charming Correspondent for the present, we hope to welcome him again and again as the years roll on.

Bro. John Anderson elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

NEBRASKA—1889.

Thirty-second annual Communication held at Omaha, June 19th, 1889, Grand Master George B. France presiding.

The Grand Master in his address states the condition of the Craft as prosperous—the Lodges have increased in membership; and, among other things, reports seven decisions, the seventh of which was not approved by the Grand Lodge; the laying of several corner-stones; dedications.

Proceedings of local interest. No Report on Correspondence.

Bro. John J. Mercer elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

NEVADA—1889.

Special Communication at Carson City, September 29th, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of the United States public building, Grand Master Wm. McMillan presiding.

Twenty-fifth annual Communication at Virginia, June 11th. 1889, Grand Master McMillan present, who delivered a short address in which he reports the prosperity of the Order in that Jurisdiction as not as great as he desired, and his official acts.

United Grand Lodge of New South Wales recognized as such.

A brief but well written Report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Robert L. Fulton, North Carolina, 1888, being fraternally noticed.

Bro. C. W. Hinchcliffe elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1889.

Twenty-second annual Communication at St. John, April 23d, 1889, Grand Master James McNichol presiding.

From his address we extract the following for consideration here, especially the last sentence :

By reference to the returns in the Grand Secretary's office, I find that there is a gratifying increase in the membership as compared with last year. This is encouraging, as I think we have for the present seen the last of the long list of suspensions and withdrawals mainly consequent upon non-payment of dues. I think that the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues might be materially reduced and the Lodge membership retained if the Secretaries would endeavor to, as far as possible, make prompt collections of dues. And when occasion required they might be allowed a little discriminating power in settling with delinquent members.

The business transacted related to local affairs.

Bro. Thomas Walker elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1889.

Semi-annual Communication, December 27th, 1888.

The one hundredth annual Communication opened in ample form at Concord, May 15th, 1889, by Grand Master George W. Currier.

From his excellent address we select the following as of interest :

One hundred years ago there were in the State three Lodges, which were represented at a meeting held in Portsmouth, July 8th, 1789. Although but few were present it was decided to organize a Grand Lodge, which was done, officers elected, some regulations adopted and at a subsequent meeting, Brother John Sullivan was installed as first Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire. During the year three

new charters were granted and a charter was procured from the State Legislature, to be in force for twenty years, at the expiration of which time the organization had become so strong as to leave no doubt of its success, and the charter was made perpetual. As the State grew and prospered, with new industries more and more in every part of our territory, the Lodges continued to increase in number as well as in efficiency and usefulness, until in 1815 the order had become so wide spread over the State that it was thought best to move the place of meeting from Portsmouth to Concord, where the annual meeting of this grand body has ever since been held. Our membership has grown from a few hundred to more than eight thousand Master Masons, and it is due the Fraternity to say that this membership comes from the very best element of our civilization. We take a just pride in the power and influence that we exert as a Fraternity, up and down the hills and through the valleys of our beautiful State.

We know that all this power and influence is ever exercised in the development of character and in making men and the world better.

Think of a century of existence, and of the power that has been diffused through every fibre of our State life by the silent yet mighty spirit of our Fraternity. We cannot measure it, but, members of the Grand Lodge, we can do what we are able to do, in our day and generation, to make the coming century yet richer and fuller than the one just passed. This we should deem not only a duty but a most sacred privilege.

He mentions the death of two Past Grand Masters, M. W., Bros. N. W. Cumner and William Barrett.

No decisions reported, but he does report the generous action of the Lodges in that Grand Jurisdiction to relieve Jacksonville, which was only stayed by a telegram from there saying that no more funds were needed.

Proceedings of local interest, but we note that a banquet was served in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge. We extend our hearty and fraternal congratulations and express the hope that our sister Grand Lodge will survive the mutations of time for centuries to come "in undiminished vigor."

Bro. Albert S. Wait again presents one of his excellent and masterly Reports on Correspondence, which we have read with much pleasure.

North Carolina, 1888 and 1889, are most fraternally noticed. We regret that our learned brother and ourselves are not in accord upon the "right of visitation."

Upon another point he says :

Quoting our observations under Alabama and Texas in regard to the effect upon membership of a reversal by Grand Lodge of a judgment of expulsion by a Lodge, our brethren inform us that in their Jurisdiction "the old rule prevails." That is to say, as we understand it, the reversal only restores to Masonic standing, and not to membership. We wish our brethren were minded to endeavor, as others have done, to bring about a change in this law upon this one subject.

In the hurry of writing we overlooked an amendment to the "*old rule*," which is as follows :

SEC. 7. APPEALS.—A Ma-on, whose appeal from the sentence of a Lodge is sustained by the Grand Lodge, is acquitted and entitled to the privileges of his Lodge as though there had not been a trial. The appeal vacates the judgment and the sustaining of the appeal by the Grand Lodge is a vindication of the accused.

Again he says :

He endorses our views on the unfortunate difficulty in Connecticut, but is surprised to see us wavering upon the point whether a Lodge can be opened in the absence of the Master and Wardens, and says : "We have a very decided opinion, based upon 'the reason of the thing,' as well as the law, that it cannot be done."

One of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, subsisting at least as early as the union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813, is :

"If the Master shall die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, *and in the absence of both Wardens, then the immediate Past Master*, or in his absence *the Senior Past Master*, shall act as Master, in summoning the Lodge, until the next election of officers. In the Master's absence, the immediate Past Master, or if he be absent the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, shall take the chair. And if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge."

We do not cite this regulation as having the force of law out of England; but, if our English brethren have a right to make such a law for their government it must inevitably follow that this idea, so generally abroad in this country, that in the absence of the Master and both Wardens a Lodge cannot be opened, is not a necessary law of the Masonic Institution. We see no reason in, and we doubt the existence of any such law, except as one of positive adoption in each Jurisdiction.

As we have discussed this matter under *Maine* in this report, we ask our brother to do us the favor to look there for our views.

Again, in reference to our opinion that an appeal does not lie from a general verdict of acquittal, he says :

If Brother Martin would give us the evidence developed by his observations and researches, besides convincing ourselves, we think he would do an essential service to the Craft.

We would do so with pleasure if we had access to the books. But we are writing in Wilmington and the Grand Lodge Library where we once examined the matter is in Raleigh. Our opinion as then formed, after a consideration of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodges generally and other authorities, was that the preponderance of authority was against such an appeal.

Will nothing change the *choice of the printer* as to numerals?

Leaving this pleasant reporter with regret, we note that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

NEW JERSEY—1889.

A handsome likeness of M. W., J. W. Congdon, P. G. M., adorns the volume containing the proceedings of the one hundred and second annual Communication, held at Trenton, January 24, 1888, Grand Master Robert M. Moore presiding.

The Grand Master presents a most interesting and well prepared address, discussing matters of general and local interest. He reports the relation between that Grand Lodge and all others as harmonious, except one, and we sincerely concur in the hope of the Grand Master, when he says:

I believe that this matter will yet be settled—not on the basis of evasions, technicalities or subterfuges, but upon the broad basis of Masonic equity and justice. Grand Masters may, for a brief day, strut upon the stage of our fancied greatness, but as individuals *we* pass away. Grand Lodges, as such, go on forever, and I believe that the great Masonic hearts of the Grand Lodges of New York and New Jersey beat responsive to Masonry's golden rule, and will not, for very long, permit their fraternal relations to be endangered or destroyed.

Referring to Grand Representatives, he seems to favor a fixed term and the representation of but one Grand Lodge at the same time by one Brother.

Of "home affairs" he says:

The condition of the Craft in New Jersey, while not yet all that could be desired, is, on the whole, a prosperous and a happy one. The Masonic ideal is higher than even one year ago—due largely to the inspiration caught by the officers of the Lodges at our last annual Communication; to the legislation had on that occasion; to the unselfish and untiring labors of these my beloved Associate and Subordinate Grand Officers; and to the officers and members of the Subordinate Lodges, who, more than ever before, have endeavored to excel in the proper wielding of the Masonic trowel. The standard of mental, moral and physical qualifications is higher; the waste places are being built up, and the meaning and intent of Masonry—real Masonry—is being more fully comprehended.

A great part of the address following relates to local affairs, though he reports one decision out of two hundred rendered, to-wit:

No. 1. A Lodge-room, owned or controlled by a Masonic Lodge, which has been, by the proper Masonic authority, dedicated, consecrated and set apart to and for Masonic purposes, cannot be sub-let for other than Masonic uses while such Lodge-room is being occupied for the purposes to which it has been dedicated.

This is good.

He reports progress of committee to establish a Masonic Home, and also of the committee on "History of Masonry in New Jersey."

We like this action of preparing a history, and recommend to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina similar action with regard to Masonry in this Jurisdiction, before time shall have destroyed most of the data.

We quote again:

Our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Hough, completes to-day his fiftieth year of service as such in this Grand Lodge. A suitable testimonial has been prepared, and will be presented to him as a memento of the occasion, by the committee of Past Grand Masters appointed for that purpose at our last annual Communication. I congratulate our Right Worshipful Brother upon the services—long, many and faithful—which he has been enabled to render to the Craft in New Jersey during his half century of service, and I congratulate this Grand Lodge upon having spared to it during these fifty years past such a Grand Secretary as was and is our Right Worshipful and beloved Brother Joseph H. Hough.

With sincere pleasure we join the Grand Master in his congratulations, and extend to *their* venerable Grand Secretary, and *our* venerable Brother our fraternal greetings upon the completion of so long a term of valuable and faithful service. It is well to commemorate such an eventful career, and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey honors itself in presenting a suitable memento to her veteran Grand Secretary. Longer still may he live to record her proceedings.

We endorse the following, and it will save trouble:

No. 3. As correspondence between Subordinate Lodges of this and sister Jurisdictions relative to waivers of jurisdiction, or requests from or to Lodges of sister Jurisdictions for the advancement of candidates already initiated, are liable to occasion irregularities which ought to be avoided, I recommend the adoption of a standing resolution requiring all such correspondence to be forwarded to the Grand Master for his approval, and the transmission of the same, if approved, to the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction in which the Lodge corresponded with is located, to be by him submitted to such Lodge for its action thereon. Had such a rule been in force in 1887, the present difficulty with New York, arising out of the Lemm case, would never have occurred.

In concluding, the Grand Master says some wholesome things concerning the misuse of the black-ball, and had we space we would insert them in full and urge all Masons to read them, but must restrict ourselves to one extract:

On the other hand, the brother who, knowing or believing an applicant to be fit material for the Masonic Temple—such an one as Masonry loves to welcome to its shrine—whose listening ear would catch true Masonic meanings from the instructive and instructing tongue, and in whose faithful breast the mysteries of Masonry might and would be safely lodged—such an one as Masons would be proud and glad to call Brother, and who might be a benefit and prove an acquisition to the Lodge, and yet, because of unworthy motives, or from spite or spleen, or a desire, perchance, to get even with the Lodge for some real or

fancied slight, or for any other reason not Masonic, casts a black-ball against, and thus, by his one vote, rejects such applicant—the Brother so casting such black-ball commits a threefold Masonic offence, intensified by the fact that it is a coward's act, striking from ambush and in the dark. Alas! how many wrongs have been inflicted upon Masonry by the acceptance of those who ought to have been rejected, and the rejection of those who ought to have been accepted.

On physical qualifications he lays down this rule:

What our rule does require in the applicant for Masonic degrees is, *absolute perfection of physical competency to fulfill literally the requirements of the symbolic degrees.* This, and no more.

Valuable report of Committee on Jurisprudence on *Jurisdiction.* They say:

The following propositions cannot be disputed:

That the Jurisdiction of a Masonic Lodge over profanes depends entirely upon the residence of the profane at the time the Jurisdiction is invoked.

That residence is to be determined by the intention of the party.

That the only satisfactory proofs of such intention are the acts and statements of the profane at and immediately prior to the time of his application, and before any question had arisen which could induce him to depart from or distort the facts.

That all proceedings had by a Masonic Lodge in relation to a profane not within its Jurisdiction are void, except in the case where the Lodge having jurisdiction has waived its right.

An able Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Henry Vehslage, who, in 122 pages, most agreeably reviews the acts and doings elsewhere in the Masonic world, North Carolina, 1888, being most pleasantly noticed.

Bro. Charles H. Mann elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary (*not to break the record*) re-elected.

NEW MEXICO—1889.

The eleventh annual Communication, held at Santa Fe, January 14th, 1889, Grand Master W. S. Harroun present.

In his interesting address he cites the following touching act of fraternal friendship and brotherly love, which we delight to note:

R. W., Bro. David J. Miller answered to the demand of the "Grim Tiler" on Friday, December 23, 1887. Owing to the fact that he was our first Grand Secretary, and that, in a certain sense, he was a ward of this Grand Jurisdiction, together with the peculiar circumstances of his death, far away from relatives and his old Masonic companions, it was thought proper to ask our brethren of Missouri to give him the fitting tribute to which his past Masonic rank and worth pre-eminently entitled him. I accordingly opened a correspondence with the Missouri

brethren, giving them some account of Bro. Miller, and requesting them to see that his remains were properly cared for. They responded nobly. A Specific Grand Lodge was convened at Masonic Hall, St. Louis, and, on the 30th of December, his body was buried with Masonic honors in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

R. W., Bro. John D. Vincil, after reporting the proceedings of the Specific Grand Lodge, adds: "There, amid the bleak winds of winter, the beautiful Masonic rites were solemnly rendered, and all that was mortal of our R. W., Bro. David J. Miller, who died among strangers, was laid to rest by loving hands in the Masonic burial lot." The thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to all the busy brethren who turned aside from their accustomed cares to pay the last sad tribute to one who, although, personally, a stranger to them, had been, in life, a worker in that noble Order whose charity knows no bounds.

We quote the following decision:

Advice was sought during the year as to the proper disposition of a member of one of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction who desired to have his name erased from the roll of membership because "he believes the Holy Bible to be a dangerous book—one that has been, directly, the cause of more outrages upon innocence and helplessness than any other cause in the history of mankind. It should be taken from the altar of Masonry as a maligner of the Glorious Architect of the Universe—the God of Nature," etc., etc. I advised that he be allowed to withdraw. A Book of the Law is one of the landmarks. I believe no man should be compelled to retain his membership in an organization, the foundation principles of which he cannot respect. Again, Freemasonry is a voluntary association, and I believe no one should be kept within its folds against his will.

Upon this, the Committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows, which was adopted:

IV. The decision of the M. W. Grand Master in the matter of allowing a member of a certain Lodge in this Jurisdiction to "withdraw" from the Lodge and have his name erased from the roll of membership, because "he believes the Holy Bible to be a dangerous book," etc., is one with which your committee find themselves unable to concur. To allow a member of a Lodge to "withdraw" from the Lodge, and have his name erased from the roll of membership, would, in effect, send him out to the world an unaffiliated, undimitted Mason. Your committee believe, with the M. W. Grand Master, that no man should be permitted to retain his membership "in an organization, the foundation principles of which he cannot respect," but our Constitution and Laws provide a means by which an unworthy member may be severed from the body of Masonry. This can be accomplished by trial, conviction and expulsion. Your committee, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred back to the Lodge of which the offending brother is a member, with instructions to have charges preferred against and served upon him, and that he be tried as provided by our Constitution and Laws for the trial of offenders against Masonic landmarks.

Bro. Max. Frost presents the Report on Correspondence in 112 pages of most readable matter, in which North Carolina receives her due proportion.

Alluding to our report, he says:

The committee states that the New Mexico proceedings for 1887 appear reviewed therein, but a careful perusal of the report does not disclose them as present. They are probably accounted for.

In reply, we say the committee believe that New Mexico was reviewed and sent to the printer, and were not aware that it did not appear in our report until our attention was called to the fact. We regret the omission to insert it.

Bro. A. H. Morehead elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1888-'89.

Proceedings from June, 1887, to June, 1888, received.

Bro. Harman J. Tarrant, Grand Master; Bro. Mark A. Toomey, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of organization of The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, August 16, 1888—Bro. J. C. Remington read an interesting history of Freemasonry in the Colony, and the Articles of Union were presented; the United Grand Lodge declared duly formed, and Bro. Lord Carrington elected first Grand Master.

Then follows the proceedings of other Communications to June, 1889.

Bro. Arthur H. Bray elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1889.

The volume before us is embellished with engraved portraits of M. W., Jesse B. Anthony, P. G. M., Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, and R. W., E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, the latter of whom we have the pleasure to know personally, and his "bright smile haunts me still."

The one hundred and eighth annual Communication opened in New York, June 4, 1889, by Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence.

The Grand Master prefaces the delivery of his address with remarks upon the appalling calamity at Johnstown, Pa., and a contribution of \$2,000 was unanimously voted at once.

The Grand Master opens his address thus:

The portals of the great mother Lodge are once more opened to receive the General Assembly of the Craft. The one hundred and eighth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is held under circumstances peculiarly happy and auspicious. For the first time in its history the Grand Lodge assembles to-day in a home which is absolutely its own; a home over which no debt casts its shadow, against which no man holds the smallest claim. The sounds of our recent rejoicing have scarcely died away, when we come together to take sober account of the doings of the past and develop further plans for the future.

In such rare and inspiring circumstances we should bring to the tasks which now await us more than our ordinary determination to be faithful to the great interests committed to our care, recognizing fully that human existence is, or should be, made up of a continuous succession of efforts, and that the achievements of the past, no matter what they have been, cannot long content us, but only point the way to further progress in the coming time.

Once more with grateful hearts we acknowledge the great and continued blessings of Almighty God, who has aided and directed us in every attempt to promote the welfare of the Craft, and who has blessed us with peace and prosperity in a marked and unusual degree; recognizing fully His guiding hand in all the good that has come to us, and humbly imploring for the future a continuance of His mercy and protecting care.

Appropriate notice of the *dead* is then presented, and among them we find the honored names of two Past Grand Masters, Bros. Joseph D. Evans and John W. Simons, the latter of whom was a most distinguished Mason, and the Grand Master fittingly says :

Fascinated by the mysteries of the Fraternity, no man delved more deeply in its quarries than he, and the results of his labors were given to an appreciative brotherhood the world over in writings whose pure and scholarly style, unassailable accuracy, and keen discrimination of statement marked their author as a master teacher in the Craft. Though his later years were somewhat obscured, his intellect was brilliant to the last, and your present Grand Master can bear grateful testimony to the value of his aid and services during our very recent labors. I shall not attempt to enumerate now the many Masonic honors conferred upon him; suffice it to say that there were few marks of distinction within the power of the Fraternity to confer which had not been his. In this Grand Lodge he rose by successive degrees to the highest station, and during the year 1860 he was the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. For a great many years he had been the chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and his annual reports, written in that capacity, were replete with wit, learning, and eloquence, and abounded in useful information. Among the guild of learned and gifted brethren who hold like positions in other Grand Jurisdictions, and to whose labors every Masonic student is so greatly indebted for the circulation of Masonic knowledge, Brother Simons was recognized as the peer of any; and the published transactions of many of our sister Grand Lodges, issued since his death, contain just tributes to his services and attainments.

Speaking of new Lodges, the Grand Master writes, and we stand by him as being good policy anywhere :

The policy of the Grand Lodge of recent years has been to discourage the erection of new Lodges, and as this policy and the reasons upon which it is based have become generally understood by the Fraternity, the effect has been to diminish the number of applications for Dispensations for that purpose, so that such applications during the past year have been less in number than during several years before.

I very earnestly recommend to the Grand Lodge that the policy of recent years with respect to the erection of new Lodges be rigidly

adhered to in the future. No one familiar with the subject can doubt that the number of Lodges is, with exceptions which are few and rare, sufficiently great to meet all proper requirements of the Fraternity within our Jurisdiction; and save as those exceptions shall from time to time present themselves, it is my very firm belief that any increase whatever in the number of our Subordinate Lodges is far more likely to be detrimental than advantageous to the true interests of the Fraternity.

He has no questions or decisions to report; discusses the "Hall and Asylum Fund," "Bond," and "Jubilee," which last was certainly a glorious occasion, and well might it be. We tender our sincere congratulations to the Fraternity in New York, and had we been there (another wish we had), we too would have *jubilied* with true fraternal spirit in their well-earned day of rejoicing.

A site for an Asylum seems to be perplexing the Grand Lodge, but Utica seems to be ahead.

The Grand Master closes his address thus :

Our Fraternity within this State is stronger and more prosperous to-day than at any time in all its annals; and, as the future opens rich with promise, let us hope that the history of the Craft, through all the years that lie before, may be broad, and grand, and noble, with the fulfillment of one high aspiration ever quickly followed by the birth of another, to the latest time.

Reports of committees fill up the most of a large volume confined to local matters.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, Chairman, presents the Report on Correspondence with the statement "that the review of Foreign Grand Bodies is furnished by R. W., Charles Sackreuter, one of the committee."

The report covers 117 pages small print, and is a terse, condensed and well-written review; though we wish he had seen proper to indulge in more extended comments, as what we have only made us wish for more.

North Carolina is fraternally noticed, brief though it be.

Bro. Frank R. Lawrence again elected Grand Master, but declining, Bro. John W. Vrooman was elected, and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

OHIO—1888.

The seventy-ninth annual Communication held at Toledo, October 23d, 1888, Grand Master S. S. Williams presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is well written and contains much of interest and importance. He reports the death of Bro. Alexander H. Newcomb, P. G. M., and others in that Jurisdiction and elsewhere: a number of official acts and some serious and most unmaasonic conduct upon the part of Lodges and members, some even going so far as to invoke the aid of the court by injunction against a just exercise of his powers and obligations. This is very much to be regretted, and from

what is reported the Grand Master must fully realize that "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." We sincerely hope that peace and harmony will soon again prevail.

The proceedings though of local character are yet very interesting, and exhibit great temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice in the management of many perplexing matters.

A most able Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, covering 156 pages, which we have read with great pleasure, and we are glad to find that his views and ours accord so generally. We particularly admire the manly fight he is making against the "Iconoclasts," "Progressionist," and "Modern Theorists." "Remove not the landmarks our fathers have reared" is wisdom, and we regard with sorrow and apprehension the disposition manifested by some to ridicule well settled principles because *old*—to court change and to graft on to Masonry new ideas, methods and regulations, totally inconsistent with its principle of foundation, ancient customs, usages and landmarks.

"Woodman spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough."

We would like, had we space, to quote at large many of the opinions expressed by him but cannot.

North Carolina, 1888, is most generously and courteously reviewed, Grand Master Robinson's address complimented by extracts, his decisions approved and the Report on Correspondence treated with gratifying attention.

Bro. Leander Burdick elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

OREGON—1889.

Special Communication at Portland, December 20, 1888, to pay the last tribute of respect to M. W., Bro. Berryman Jennings, the *first* Grand Master of Oregon.

The thirty-ninth annual Communication at Portland, June 12, 1889, Grand Master Jacob Mayer presiding.

His able and instructive address contains much of interest. After a gracefully-written introduction, he pays fitting tribute to the fraternal dead of that and other Jurisdictions; details his official visits, cut short, however, by a painful accident; and makes a number of recommendations—among them, one for the consolidation of Lodges, which deserves attention as a matter that may redound to the benefit of the Craft.

Among his decisions, governed mostly by local laws, we note the following as something new:

On February 16, the Worshipful Master of Tillamook Lodge, U. D., desired to know, by letter, who has a right to vote for degrees in Masonic Lodges under Dispensation. I decided that all Master Masons present had that right.

The Committee on Jurisprudence amended this ruling, as follows: "All Master Masons, members of Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, have that right"—which was adopted. We would like to ask, why so?

The Grand Orator, Bro. George E. Chamberlain, delivered an eloquent address, from which we can extract only the closing remarks:

In conclusion, brethren, let the badge of a Mason be the insignia of the worth of morality and virtue, as it is the design of the institution to make it. Let it be kept unspotted and unsullied from the world, and the time is not far distant when you will have removed every objection to Masonry. Her enemies will have been vanquished, and they will be compelled, by the very rectitude of your lives, to admit that to be a Mason is to be a good man and true.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized, and the other proceedings relate to local matters.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick again delights us with one of his admirable Reports on Correspondence—200 pages—over which we would be glad to linger, but must move on.

North Carolina, 1889, is fraternally reviewed, in which he says: "Grand Master Robinson has made an excellent officer," and our proceedings pronounced "of the highest order."

Bro. Christopher Taylor elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA—1888.

An engraving of the Masonic Temple, and of Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, Grand Master 1872-'73, and Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master 1881-'82, adorn the volume.

Quarterly Communications—March 7th, June 6th, September 5th, and December 5th, 1888—are reported. Engaged in local business, except that a most able and valuable report was presented to the Communication of June 6th by a Committee of Past Grand Masters as to the constituting of bodies commonly known as *Cerneau* Masons within that Jurisdiction, Bro. Richard Vaux being Chairman of said Committee.

The annual Communication opened in ample form at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1888, by Grand Master Joseph Eichbaum. His address is a business-like report of his actions, in which he states numerous Dispensations granted for various purposes; corner-stones laid; official visits—his visit to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas upon the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary; and that the Craft is in a very prosperous condition.

Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla was installed Grand Master and delivered an interesting address, from which we extract the following, and commend the same to our District Deputy Grand Masters:

In this connection I desire to deeply impress upon the District Deputy Grand Masters the importance and responsibility attaching to the office

with the performance of whose functions they are intrusted. They are the personal representatives of the Grand Master. Whatever dignity, obligation, or duty appertains to him, appertains also to them in their respective circumscribed Jurisdictions. They should acquire a thorough knowledge of the constitutional law of Freemasonry; as contained * * * * * in the resolutions of Grand Lodge, and the decisions of Grand Masters. They should familiarize themselves with Masonic usages, customs, and Landmarks. They should be adepts in the authorized work of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. This work they should propagate by means of visits to every Lodge in their Districts at least once in every year, to ascertain whether it is correctly rendered: and if not, to give exact instruction in it to the officers and members of their Lodges.

And here I would earnestly call the attention of the brethren who are District Deputies, and also of all officers of Lodges, to the importance of teaching the impressive, as well as the correct rendition of the work. By all means let formalism in the conferring of the degrees be abolished. Remember this truth: wherever the ritual is rendered in a cold, dull, heavy manner, the result must be an uninterested and apathetic Lodge. Seek, therefore, to impress upon all Masonic officers the importance of making themselves felt in the work. Teach them to throw into it the fervor of earnestness, to make their words not leaden, but winged, to feel what they say, so that the candidate may realize that the ceremony of Masonic initiation is aglow with the fire of an earnest purpose to teach Masonic truth.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, by that master reporter, Bro. Richard Vaux, and we thank him for the pleasure we have experienced in reading it. He opens the Report with a feeling salutation to the Committees on Foreign Correspondence; then presents his views upon several prominent points or matters now under discussion, with the general tone of which we agree.

Reading carefully this able Report of 240 pages—(*for our sakes, please use Arabic instead of Roman numerals*)—we found much that interested us, both in style and substance, and which we would like to extract, but must confine ourselves to the following, which expresses our views.

In reference to *Physical qualifications*, he says, under *Colorado*, criticising the Grand Master's decisions:

We are called on to notice but one, as that, in our opinion, is a direct violation of a Landmark of the Craft. He decided that "a person having lost the little finger of the right hand is eligible for the degrees." This is contrary to Masonic law. Who is to be the final, ultimate judge of the imperfections which forbid entrance into our Craft? If a *person* (pre-umably a *man*) is maimed, what constitutes the sufficient maiming to forbid a Lodge from giving him the rights and privileges of Freemasonry? If a little finger, why not two fingers, half of the hand, or the entire arm, or both legs? The line is well drawn in "a perfect youth," physically, morally, and mentally as perfect as the normal character of each exhibits. This, and nothing less. Freemasonry does not deal with the exceptions to its laws. It ordains the law, or, rather, the wisdom and traditions of the Fathers assert the law. Obedience is based on an entire obedience. He who breaks a part of the law breaks the whole law.

Upon the Right of Visitation, under *Mississippi* :

We do not think the Grand Master has exhaustively considered the question of "the right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge." The right is one incident of the Masonic character,—that is, every Mason has the right of visitation in every Lodge, because he has the right as a Mason to his membership in his own Lodge. It is an attribute of his Masonic standing. But Lodges have rights, and every member of a Lodge has rights, and there are duties and responsibilities attached to them. A Mason who is not a member of a Lodge which he seeks to visit must surrender his incident right to the direct and paramount right of members of that Lodge. The right of a member of a Lodge to refuse the admission of a visitor to a Lodge meeting is controlling, because his obligation and responsibility to his Lodge demand that he should not permit its harmony or his own enjoyment of his Masonic right to be disturbed by the recognition of only an incidental right of one who has no direct interest in the Lodge.

We think the plainer interpretation might be, the privilege of visitation does not abrogate the right to object.

The Grand Master seems to define the denial of the right of visitation in a special case to be an innovation on the "body of Masonry." The Landmarks which prohibit that relate to very different questions.

Upon the trial of members by Lodges, under *Texas* :

Reading the Reports of the Committees on Jurisprudence and Appeals induces us to fear that some of the Subordinate Lodges of Texas—as, we are sorry to say, elsewhere—think they possess the legal attributes of courts of law. Charges are raised against members of Lodges for actions and conduct which have no more relation to the law of Masonry than to the law of gravitation. Once the charge is made, the Lodge, either from prejudice or indifference, or, most likely, want of knowledge, proceeds to trial. Then differences of opinion are created among the members, and, whatever the judgment determined upon, appeal is made to the Grand Lodge, and Committees on Appeals or Jurisprudence are required to settle the case on the principles of Masonic Jurisprudence. This is, and always will be, unfortunate. But the most injurious results arise from the confusion which is created as to the province of the Lodge in these cases.

We believe that a Lodge has no Jurisdiction in any case unless the charge or the specifications assert the violation by the accused of a Masonic Landmark, usage, or custom. It must be a Masonic offense only over which a Masonic Lodge can claim or possess Jurisdiction. This rule, if enforced, will end many of the difficulties that now exist, and which are increasing.

And under *Washington*, upon a decision of the Grand Master;

Decision No. 4. On the question, Can a brother be installed into an elective office while charges are pending against him? he answered no. Although the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the question and answer were committed, disagreed with Grand Master Smith, and although that report is from our sincerely-esteemed Brother Past Grand Master Louis Ziegler, we endorse the decision of the Grand Master. If an elected officer is under charges—and there can be no other charges but those which violate Masonic law—he ought not to be installed by

the Lodge. He could not be *advanced* on the floor under such circumstances without a trial, and is it of less importance to install him into an office, which act would, it may be, discredit the Lodge? True, a charge made does not assert guilt, but a charge untried taints the character. Now, we wish to be fully understood: no charge can be made, or ought to be made and considered in a Lodge, unless it involves Masonic acts or conduct. With the private affairs of members of Lodges over which the profane tribunals have cognizance a Lodge has nothing to do. Business matters, personal indiscretions, conduct in the world, of the world, and violative of the civil law, Masonry has no Jurisdiction over. Therefore, a charge of unmasonic acts or conduct which is triable by Masonic law ought not to be so lightly regarded that a Lodge can install an officer elected by the Lodge under such conditions. Because a charge may be made without justification, and, therefore, ought not to be preventive, does not control the case, for it is only by the trial that it is shown to be unfounded. Then install.

North Carolina, 1888, receives most cordial and fraternal attention. Grand Master Robinson's address is pronounced to be a "clever paper," and an extract made upon the mission of Masonry "because of the sound Masonic views he entertains and so well expresses"; suggests a modification of one of his decisions; expresses his gratification on reading the Report of the Committee on Appeals, because "they are so concise and so free from that elaboration that too often is superfluous"; and mentions in pleasant terms the Report on Correspondence.

Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Fourteenth annual Communication, held at Charlottetown, June 24th, 1889, Grand Master John Yeo presiding.

In his address he reports a slight increase in membership; that he had not been called upon for any decisions.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and that of Victoria recognized.

A resolution was adopted extending thanks to M. W., Bro. John Yeo, the retiring Grand Master, who had presided over the Grand Lodge for a period of *fourteen* years.

No Report on Correspondence.

Bro. Neil McKelvie elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

QUEBEC—1889.

The nineteenth annual Communication, held at Montreal, January 31st, 1889, Grand Master H. L. Robinson on the throne.

The Grand Master (whom the writer had the pleasure to meet, socially and Masonically, in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, N. C.,) mentions, in his address, his visit to the South and his extreme illness while there, saying:

Brethren at Washington, Richmond, Va., Wilmington, N. C., and Hampton, Va., displayed the most considerate kindness, both before and during my illness. At Wilmington, I had the pleasure of meeting M. W., Bro. Robinson, Grand Master of North Carolina, and from him and the brethren there received, as your Grand Master, the warm and fraternal greeting for which our Southern brethren are so conspicuously noted. At Hampton, Va., where my life hung in the balance for long and weary weeks, my faithful and attentive physician was a Mason, and the W. M. and brethren of the Lodge there watched me with tender care, and nursed me with a kindness that knew no limit. A brother accompanied me to the steamer at Norfolk, nor did Masonic aid fail on the homeward route. May God bless them all for their kindness and sympathy in my sore trouble.

We regret to learn that his recovery is not complete, and extend to him our fraternal regards, and the hope that he may fully recover his health and strength.

He further suggests (a good one):

It has often occurred to me that with many of our brethren who are blessed with "an abundance of the good things of this world," too little is done in aid of our charities—either during life-time or by "last will and testament." I should like to see this remedied; and, with that view, I have directed our Grand Secretary to prepare, and append to the printed Proceedings of this meeting, a form of "Donation" and "Bequest," which may be used by those so disposed, to enlarge our abilities to put into practice "that virtue we all profess so much to admire—I mean, Charity."

We are frequently informed now-a-days, when huge and vast fortunes are amassed, that large sums of money are given for good and benevolent purposes. Surely amongst the many worthy ones, the objects we have in view, viz: to relieve and assist our brothers in old age, sickness and distress—are deserving of aid and encouragement, and should not be altogether overlooked, especially by our own members, to whom T. G. A. O. T. U. has been beneficent beyond their wants.

He further gives us a hope that the unpleasant rupture between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and that of England may soon be healed and cordial relations established. To which we say, God speed the day of reconciliation!

His illness compelled D. G. M. Dickson Anderson to transact most of the official duties which he reports.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales recognized, and other proceedings of local interest.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers again presents one of his excellent Reports on Correspondence, 116 pages. From the introduction we quote the following, with full approval, and recommend the same to the consideration of Masters in general, and the Grand Lodge in particular:

But more should be required of the presiding officer of a Masonic organization than to be a good ritualist, and there is reason to fear that a sufficiently high standard of proficiency in the peculiar jurisdiction of the Fraternity is not always required of Masters-elect before their installation into the Chair. A few of the Grand Lodges have passed upon this important matter, but in a very large number of cases we fear that Masters-elect are presented for installation by brethren, utterly regardless of the responsibility which they assume in vouching for their attainments and qualifications. It is as necessary for a W. M. to know how to govern as to know how to work. Though he be ever so perfect and impressive a ritualist, the Craftsmen under his direction may be thrown into confusion unless he understands, and exercises properly, the duties and prerogatives of the Chair. Our reading and our experience alike have taught us the necessity for a more careful inquiry into the qualifications of those about to be installed to preside over their brethren. Reading Masons will seldom be found to lack the qualifications requisite in the Master of a Lodge.

And the following, found under *Maryland*:

The aspirations of ambitious juniors are, we fear, too frequently permitted to elbow competent officers out of the Chairs, to which they have brought dignity, honor, zeal and learning. When either a Grand or Subordinate Lodge gets hold of a good man in official position, we like to see it know enough to keep him there, regardless of the impatient ambition of his would-be successor. In Masonry, more than in anything else, the man should bring honor to the office, and not the office to the man.

We agree with him in his views upon the Right of Visitation, and that an applicant for degrees must be able to *write*, and many other points. North Carolina, 1888, is kindly reviewed.

Bro. Isaac H. Stearns elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

RHODE ISLAND—1888.

Several Emergent and Special Communications, for funeral obsequies and laying corner-stones.

Semi-annual Communication, held at Providence, November 21st, 1887, Grand Master presiding.

Ninety-eighth annual Communication, held at Providence, May 21st, 1888, Grand Master Wm. N. Ackley present.

In his address the Grand Master pays a fitting tribute to the dead, announcing, in appropriate terms, among them two Past Grand Masters—Bros. Ariel Ballou, aged 82 years, and James Hutchison, aged 88 years. He reports no decisions; thirty-three official visitations; expresses regret at being unable to attend Convention of Present and Past Grand Masters at Chicago in June last, and says:

While such gatherings can have only moral force, they cannot fail to be of great value in this very direction. and more especially as tending to quicken the feeling of kindred among the different Jurisdictions, and helping the Fraternity to realize the sublime fact that, while as Masons, we represent separate legislative bodies and households, yet we are one undivided body of brethren.

To all of which we most emphatically dissent, believing that. so far from such Conventions being “of great value,” &c., they are more calculated to produce great and decided trouble and untold evils. “No more of that Hal, an’ thou lovest me.”

No Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1888.

Special Communication, November 15th, 1888, to dedicate a Hall.

The one hundred and twelfth annual Communication opened in ample form at Charleston, December 11th, 1888, by the Grand Master, Andrew H. White. His address is short, and relates to nothing of a general character, and the proceedings are confined to local matters. We note, however, which we do not understand, the following:

The Grand Lodge having been closed on the Third Degree, and opened on the First, the foregoing officers were duly installed.

Why is it so?

An able Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Charles Inglesby, of 116 pages, which is an interesting review.

North Carolina, 1888, receives a very pleasant notice, Grand Master Robinson’s address being quoted, and Bro. Bain’s Report on Correspondence noticed.

Bro. R. F. Divver elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

 TENNESSEE—1889.

The seventy-fifth annual Communication, held at Nashville, January 30th, 1889, Grand Master Henry H. Ingersoll present.

He opens a most excellent address. this:

Brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons; Worshipful Masters, of good morals and of great skill, true and trusty; Wardens of our secrets and our conduct; Past and Present Grand Officers of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

I greet you all with hearty Masonic welcome. Such a concourse of the leaders of men who have solemnly devoted their lives to the practice of cardinal virtues; who believe and trust in God, and are bound to help, aid and assist each other, and do one another no wrong or harm; to honor and defend chastity, and protect and nurture the widow and orphan; who rejoice in Faith, Hope and Charity, and live upon the Golden Rule, is a benison and an inspiration.

Clothed with the great authority of this Grand Lodge—legislative, judicial and executive—how great our opportunity! What splendid possibilities stretch out before us! From this Pisgah of vision how inviting the prospect! From this Sinai of power how weighty the responsibility! Entrance and conquest of this Promised Land of Masonry should be the measure of our achievement, the object of all our discussions and doings.

Among his official acts, under Dispensation refused, we find the following:

February 25, 1888. Pigeon River Lodge, in North Carolina, to receive and act upon petition of a profane recently removed from Tennessee to North Carolina. I disclaimed any authority whatever in the premises.

Twenty-two decisions reported, mostly governed by local law; seven of which were not approved by the Grand Lodge.

We regret to see that the relations between this Grand Lodge and that of Ohio are not cordial or fraternal, and hope that the cause of alienation may and will be soon removed, preferring, out of respect to these two Grand Bodies, to express no opinion on the merits of the case.

It gives more pleasure to read the following:

An abstract of the returns from the Subordinate Lodges shows the condition of the Craft to be more prosperous in 1889 than for many preceding years.

The prosperity of Freemasonry is not to be measured, however, solely by statistics. Our numerical and financial exhibit might be encouraging, and yet the condition of our Order far from satisfactory. Quality more than quantity is the touchstone of genuine Masonic progress, and I am gratified to be able to say, that generally the *morale* of the Craft in Tennessee is excellent. The fidelity of the Masters of the Lodges to their obligations and duties has produced and continued this normal condition of the Order.

The following strikes us as very "peculiar": The Grand Master called a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and it was opened by him in ample form, the purpose announced, and then follows this, to us, inexplicable proceeding:

On motion, it was decided that the M. W. Grand Lodge proceed in a body to the grounds of the Widows and Orphans' Home, and conduct the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the building to be erected thereon.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, when the officers and members thereof proceeded in a body to participate in the ceremonies.

Why convene the Grand Lodge at all, if it did not intend to act as a Lodge; but it was laid, all the same.

Bro. Frank M. Smith presents an able Report on Correspondence of 163 pages, North Carolina, 1888, receiving liberal attention.

Bro. John T. Williamson elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

TEXAS—1888.

Special Communication at Austin, May 16th, 1888, for the purpose of *dedicating* the Capitol of the State, Grand Master Anson Rainey presiding. Among others, Bro. H. M. Garwood, Grand Orator, delivered a chaste and eloquent address, from which we quote the opening, as it pleased us:

In the observance of the ancient customs of our Order, it has been our privilege to assist in the ceremonies attendant upon the erection of many of the most beautiful and historic structures of the world. We are a society of builders, and as in the ancient days the genius of our Craft wrought out itself upon those great edifices within whose walls were oft summed up the histories of religions and of nations, so now, builders still, but in the grander realms of intellect and of morals, builders of constitutions and empires, in commemoration of that past history, and as an outward manifestation of our work and aims, we gather together upon occasions such as these.

The fifty-third annual Communication was held at Houston, December 11th, 1888. Grand Master Rainey present.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

We are to be congratulated that no affliction or calamity of any kind has visited this Jurisdiction since last we met. Instead, peace and prosperity have blessed us, for which we should humbly bow in grateful acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, who shapes our destinies.

And again expressing our sentiments:

Where the brethren are bright in the work and well posted in Jurisprudence, you will find a live and prosperous Lodge. On the other hand, where the brethren are ignorant of these, they are drones, the Lodge languishes, and if new life is not infused into it, it dies. Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. To see its beauties, and understand its teachings, aims and objects, these allegories and symbols must be studied; and when not studied, its ceremonies are meaningless, its beauties remain concealed, and its teachings are not appreciated. Hence it is the ignorant ones, failing to see the great beauties of Masonry, and failing to comprehend the great good and benefit to be derived from adhering to its tenets and principles, lose interest and become drones.

Reports the enforcement of dues still a source of great trouble; Dispersations for new Lodges, laying of corner-stones to confer degrees, and thirty-six decisions, many of them governed by local laws, the second and thirty-fourth not being approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence or the Grand Lodge. We quote from the Report of the Committee on the thirty-fourth decision, as being the better opinion:

The thirty-fourth decision is, that "if a Junior Warden refuses to prefer charges against a brother for unmasonic conduct, when required by the Worshipful Master, he is guilty of unmasonic conduct and should be disciplined."

We are constrained to differ from the views of the Grand Master on this subject. It is true that the Junior Warden is the prosecuting officer of the Lodge, and it is his duty to prefer charges against offending brethren; still, he is invested with discretion in the exercise of this duty, and is not amenable to the orders of the Worshipful Master in this respect to the extent of placing him in contumacy for refusing to obey such orders. It might well be that the Master and Junior Warden would honestly differ as to the propriety of filing charges and the prospect of conviction. In such case the latter, in his capacity as prosecuting officer, could not be said to be guilty of Masonic offense in case he declined to bring charges. The edicts of our Grand Lodge, as well as the common law of Masonry, permit any member of a Lodge to prefer charges, and if the Junior Warden fails to perform his duty in this respect (which is not to be presumed), the Lodge has ample remedy.

We also insert the eighth decision, fully concurring in the views expressed and the remarks of the Grand Master:

8. I was asked as to the propriety of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 37, offering a reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Bro. L. S. McMicken, a member of said Lodge, who was murdered on February 9, 1888. I replied that in 1853 the Grand Lodge, by resolution, condemned such a practice. [Ruthven's Reprint, Vol. I, page 556]. Again, in 1883, this question was submitted to Grand Master Charles Stewart, who indorsed and adhered to the views of this Grand Lodge enunciated in 1853. [P. P., 1883, p. 23]. I fully concur in the views above expressed. The Masonic Fraternity, as such, cannot afford to take any part in the administration of the laws of the land. While, as Masons and as indi-

viduals, we ought to obey the laws of our country, and discountenance any infraction thereof, yet, for us as Masons to take part in their enforcement, would lead to untold trouble and confusion among the Craft. Neither should Masons in any way interfere to prevent the enforcement of the laws. The State of Texas is sufficiently strong to uphold and enforce her laws. No outside influence should be brought to bear upon the Courts in any given case, but they should be left untrammelled to decide according to the merits of each case. If the Masonic Fraternity should break loose from its ancient moorings, and take part in State affairs, in religious affairs, etc., it would soon be turned into an engine of oppression, instead of an angel of mercy, as it is.

His views on *Cipher Work* we heartily endorse; and the address throughout is most excellent.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was duly recognized; the other proceedings relating to local matters.

A most elaborate, excellent and valuable Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, covering 297 pages, to which we have devoted much time with pleasure and profit. It is the fullest Report we have seen, and manifests marked ability of a high order in its preparation. We are glad to find that our brother of the "Lone Star" State and ourselves are generally in accord in our opinions, differing, perhaps, slightly in some matters. In his introduction he says this, and we think with him:

And now, my brethren, we venture to ask you to read these reviews. For you they are written—not because we have any wish to impose upon you our views or opinions, or to parade before you our effusions—but because in them you will find a digest of the opinions of the ablest and best-informed Masonic minds in the several Jurisdictions; because, reading them year after year you cannot fail to find something; some ruling or opinion of general interest; something applicable to questions which may sometime arise in your own Lodge; and, lastly, because from them you will obtain valuable information which you can get, so easily at least, from no other source.

And there is much more of this interesting Report which we would like to quote, but lack of space forbids, though we extract the following as information worthy of presentation:

"So much for the American Grand Lodges. We have enjoyed, even though occasionally fatigued with, our walks through the fields of Masonic literature. Generally, prosperity has marked the cause everywhere. There has been an advance all along the line, and we trust that Masonry has increased in strength and influence as well as in numbers. We give no full table of statistics, but the footing up of the tables we have made shows the following gratifying results:

Number of Grand Lodges in the United States and Dominion of Canada	55
Number of Lodges, about	10,000
Number of Master Masons	605,408

The memberships of the four largest Jurisdictions are as follows:

New York	71,997	Pennsylvania	33,343
Illinois	40,203	Ohio	32,022

Those, besides the above, having a greater number than California (14,441, as reported in the proceedings of last year), are:

Massachusetts.....	28,163	Texas.....	20,117
Michigan	28,470	Canada	19,256
Missouri	26,571	Connecticut.....	15,029
Iowa	21,816	Kansas	14,638
Maine	20,218		

A goodly array of Masons, truly! And if all but acted well their parts—were good and true and upright—what a power for good would Masonry and Masons be! Then all the fanatical, prelatical and papal opposition would have no more deleterious effect upon our glorious temple than would the kicking of a vicious mule upon the eternal hills.”

North Carolina, 1888, is most generously and fraternally treated, Grand Master Robinson’s address freely quoted, and the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum pleasantly noticed. Of the latter, he nobly says:

We would that our Texas brethren could see and read the whole of this Report “of the printing-room, wood-shop, farm and garden, school-rooms, sewing-rooms and Christmas festivities;” that they might know how these heretofore-destitute waifs have been made glad and happy, and are being reared for usefulness and independence. But it is longer than we have space for. Push on, brethren of North Carolina, in the grand and noble work you have so fully inaugurated, and MASONS everywhere will pray the Lord that He make His face to shine continually upon you and your little charges. Your reward awaits you, when, in the future, those whom, when needy and helpless you have fostered and cared for, with their children yet unborn, shall rise up and call you blessed, and your praises go sounding down the corridors of time.

May the Lord bless you for your kind words of cheer and good will.

Of our Report on Correspondence he speaks most acceptably, quoting some of our opinions with approbation, and explaining most satisfactorily a remark of censure, as we mistook it to be, in his former Report. We extend to our brother our most cordial and fraternal regards, and beg to assure him we did not, and will never, “think hard of us (him) for so speaking.” We hope never to manifest in our reports, or elsewhere, a lack of proper feeling and respect for those who differ in opinion from us. We admire a man who has opinions and the courage to express them on proper occasions, and will always carefully consider the same that “we may better judge.” “Rightly to be great is not to move without great arguments,” and therein consists the merit of every controversy or difference of opinion.

We certainly have “no just cause to complain” of the review of North Carolina this time, and will always welcome our brother’s reports.

Bro. William S. Fry elected Grand Master, and Bro. William F. Swain Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1889.

Special Communication held at Salt Lake City, November 5, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of the Union Depot at Ogden, Grand Master Sam'l Paul presiding. The proceedings are very interesting, and the oration by Bro. P. L. Williams, Grand Orator, and the original poem by Bro. Amasa S. Condon were fine.

The eighteenth annual Communication at Salt Lake City, was opened in ample form by Grand Master Paul, January 15, 1889.

In his address he says :

The events of the past year in our Jurisdiction have been those of peace and content, and I have not been called upon to consider any serious questions, whereby its harmony might be disturbed. We have not increased in numbers; but, on the contrary, I regret to inform you that the number of our Lodges has been diminished.

Peculiarly as we are situated in this Territory, surrounded by an element which must remain foreign to the tenets of Masonry, we must deplore the fact that our strides towards an augmentation of our Jurisdiction are thus retarded.

Yet we will in the future, as in the past, when considerably less in numbers, push forward with courage undaunted, till Utah shall shine with untarnished lustre in the galaxy of the Grand Lodges of the United States—our beloved country.

Among the Fraternal dead of that Jurisdiction he mentions Bro. Myron G. Foote, J. G. W.

On the subject of *Intemperance*, he says:

While we have not been called upon to discipline any of our members for the inordinate use of the "ardent," yet, for the past year, much is to be complained of. As constantly as we lecture that the means of refreshment should not be perverted into intemperance, or excess, it seems impossible to check the license of the use of intoxicants. The cry is almost a universal one, and many of the Grand Lodges are now attempting, by legislation, to check this evil among the Craft.

Each individual is, or ought to be, the arbiter of his own inclinations, and, therefore, general legislation on this subject might not be advisable; but it is my candid opinion, that those who are holding offices in our Lodges, and are called upon to administer the duties of the Lodge, should practice what they preach, which cannot be done if they themselves are engaged in keeping places where spirits are vended.

The Grand Secretary presented a most interesting Report, which, besides its business character, is one of high literary merit, especially the "*Sprigs of Acacia*," wherein he embalms the memory of the dead in most exquisite manner. Of this Report, the Committee on the same made the following statement, which we heartily endorse:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, have read the same with a great deal of pleasure and find it to be one of the best of the many good reports submitted by him; like

old wine our Grand Secretary improves with age, and we can add nothing to give zest or piquancy to the reflections of his midnight lamp. Ever faithful to duty, the wheels of his chariot never grow rusty, his harness is always on and his brain and pen are ever ready to further the interests of Masonry and the Grand Lodge he loves so well. May his days be long in the land, and his declining years full of peace and happiness.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales received recognition, and the other proceedings are of local interest.

Bro. Christopher Diehl again writes a most admirable and interesting Report on Correspondence, which we have read with great pleasure. Like ourselves, he does not concur in the decision of the Grand Master of Alabama that an applicant for Masonic degrees is *not* disqualified because he cannot write his name, and says:

With all due respect to the learned brother, we cannot agree with him in this decision. Masonry requires of its votaries intelligence, and a man of the age of one and twenty who cannot write his own name is not an intelligent man, and in our opinion not a proper person to be employed on the building of the Masonic edifice. We are inclined to guess that the Committee on the Address looked upon it in a similar light. It recommended that the decision be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which, however, did not report. It would not be a bad idea for the Committee to peruse the last Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. This Grand Lodge makes it the duty of Investigating Committees to inquire into and report to the Lodge whether the applicant for the degrees is intelligent enough to understand and value the teachings and art of Masonry. (We quote from memory.) It is safe to say that in Wyoming no man will be made a Mason who is not able to write his own name.

Again, under *Washington*, he says, which is entirely new to us:

The Master instructs the Entered Apprentice "never to allow himself to be examined in a Lodge he intends to visit without having first inspected the Lodge Charter." Remove the cause and that wound upon the body Masonic will soon heal. Where that passage in the lecture originated, I do not know; but I do know that it was not used while I was Master of my Lodge. I considered it a humbug then, and do so now. It ought to be abolished.

With him, we ask, Where did it originate?

North Carolina, 1888, is very pleasantly reviewed. Of Grand Master Robinson's address he says:

The Grand Master presented a short but very thorough address, in which he reported his official acts and the condition of Masonry in the "Old North State." He pays a feeling tribute to the departed dead. The interest in Masonry is growing, and a great many of the best young men in the State are seeking admission into the Lodges.

Other parts of our Proceedings and Report on Correspondence are favorably mentioned.

Bro. Abbot R. Heywood elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

VIRGINIA—1888.

The one hundred and eleventh annual Communication was held at Richmond on December 11th, 1888, Grand Master W. F. Drinkard being present. The address by him is very interesting, and we cull from it the following as worthy of attention:

It ought to be accounted a high honor to be a member of a Grand Lodge which for more than one hundred years has numbered among its members many of the most honored sons of the Commonwealth, and has never once forgotten its high mission and position, nor ever failed to manifest by its conduct and by its laws, resolutions and edicts, that it was worthy to be classed with the highest deliberative bodies in the world. Nobody could look upon this Grand Lodge as it now appears before me without thinking of that Roman Senate whose very appearance won the respect even of barbarians and overawed the wild sons of the frozen North.

He announces in fitting terms the death of Bro. William Terry, P. G. M., and says:

In all the relations of life—at the bar and in the army, at home and in the field, as husband, father, friend, soldier, in private life and in public life—wherever and whenever duty called, then and there our deceased Grand Master went.

New Lodges have have been constituted, corner-stones laid and good work done generally, among which is the construction of a Masonic Temple in Richmond—the corner-stone of which was laid with imposing ceremonies by the Grand Master on November 14, 1888.

Thirteen decisions are reported, and, as might have been expected, all sound save in one opinion, the following, to which we do not assent:

13. A profane who has lost the second and third joints of the index finger of the right hand is eligible to the degrees.

The proceedings are of a local character. The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Master, who presents a fine Report, which we have read with pleasure, agreeing with nearly everything he writes. We regret not seeing North Carolina among the Grand Lodges noticed, and are at a loss to account for it, as our Proceedings reached the Grand Secretary in most ample time.

Bro. Robert T. Craighill elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

WEST VIRGINIA—1888.

Several Special Communications for laying corner-stones.

The twenty-fourth annual Communication held at Parkersburg, November 13th, 1888, Grand Master Charles H. Collier present. The Grand Master's address is a well-written paper, in which he well says:

While in other Jurisdictions the seeds of discord have been sown, we have gathered strength in our harmony, our duties and obligations have been paramount to every other consideration, and our greatest power has been developed in the quiet retreats of the Lodge-room. Herein lies the great force that constitutes the wealth of Masonry. There is no Lodge-room within our borders where dissension has entered to disturb its peace and harmony. The first tenet of our profession has been fully exemplified. Masonry means brotherly love in its strictest sense, that fellowship that counsels the erring, guides the tempted, succors the helpless and establishes the feet of the fallen. It never betrays and never deceives. He who has not learned this has never learned the A B C principles of fellowship, and, therefore, knows nothing about Masonry.

A selfish man can never become a true Mason, because he cannot realize the vital force of brotherly love. With him the soul of Masonry is left out. Its energy constitutes no part of his nature. As the union of the hearts of sixty millions of people in one grand National Brotherhood has made our country the respected of all nationalities, so the union of the hearts of thousands of brethren for the grand object of disseminating the truths of Masonic Brotherhood has made Masonry a joy among the nations.

There is to be found no greater field for active thought and work than in Masonry. The brightness of her deeds can never be dimmed by any investigation. Her code of ethics has taught man to be noble, true and faithful; has assisted in driving superstition from the minds of men; has closed the doors of immorality and vice, and opened the avenues of intellectual freedom. Her enemies are slanderers and bigots; her friends are those who love the human family. Unlike other institutions which have enslaved their worshipers, the teachings of Freemasonry have always tended to render man more independent, to cultivate a broader manhood and develop a deeper intellectuality. She has never enslaved a human being, but has labored for man's prosperity in every relation of human existence. Masonry is light—the light of scientific thought, the light that man needs for a successful guide, and, in great measure, that he may enjoy the full fruition of a well-spent life, and some results of a happy destiny. It denies every mythological and superstitious idea of man's creation, existence and destiny, but with impressive ceremony acknowledges God, the Creator of all things, and solemnly recognizes our dependence upon Him.

He thinks our Subordinate Lodges need a pure literature, and suggests the establishment of a library in each of them, where Masons may read and improve themselves. A good suggestion.

Special Communications, Dispensations and decisions are reported, among which we note the following:

After consulting all the authorities within my reach I am forced to the conclusion that the decision rendered by Past Grand Master Robert

White, in regard to making a profane a Mason, one of whose legs is two inches shorter than the other, is in harmony with Masonic law. The same case was presented to me and I confirmed his decision.

Decided that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia could not be opened in special Communication in each of two towns upon the same day, these towns being three hundred miles apart.

And we approve his action in the matter of Equality Lodge, No. 44, and agree with him when he says:

This is the old story of cowardice and unmasonic conduct on the part of some one, who, through professional jealousy, desires to keep out of the Lodge a man of good character and marked ability by shielding himself behind what he deems to be a Masonic privilege, thereby concealing not only his identity as well as his motives.

The death of P. G. M. Thomas H. Logan is reported, and, among other things, the Grand Master says:

To say that he performed every duty required of a Grand Officer is not enough. He rested not in his efforts for the cause of Freemasonry until he had explored every possible side to every question affecting her interests. In the whole State of West Virginia no man stood higher than Thomas H. Logan. He was a man of sense and unimpeachable integrity.

We do not approve the following, which we find on page 1010, and not among his decisions:

Should the W. M. be the only stationed officer present, and after congregating his Lodge can he retire and permit the government of his Lodge to remain in the hands of those whom he has selected as competent?

I decided in the affirmative, but the W. M. must be held responsible, whether present or absent, for any violation of Masonic law, as he is responsible to his Lodge for its government by every known edict. To this our worthy Deputy of the First District takes exception, and inclines to the opinion that the stationed officer, congregating the Lodge, must remain until the Lodge is closed.

We prefer to think with the D. D. G. M., who raised the question, believing that the Master or one of the Wardens must always be present.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, we see, did not concur with the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge could not be opened in special Communication at two distant places at the same time, saying:

Special Communications are held only for special purposes, such as the laying of corner-stones, the dedication of halls, etc. At such special Communications the Grand Master is usually represented by a proxy appointed for the purpose, and we see no good reason why there may not be several proxies engaged in special Masonic work at the same time.

Nor in the decision last above cited; the Committee holding "that at least one of the stationed officers should be present"—and in both opinions the Committee were sustained by the Grand Lodge.

We do not concur with the Committee that the Grand Lodge can sit in two or more places simultaneously, dividing itself, as it were, into parcels. To say the least, it detracts from the dignity of that Grand Body, and no Grand Master, if he has the power, *which we doubt*, ought to appoint a proxy to act at the same time with himself, or two proxies, if he does not act.

A fine Report on Correspondence comes from Bro. George W. Atkinson, Chairman of Committee, covering 132 pages, in which are many good sayings.

Under *Georgia*, he says:

Bro. Bigham takes issue with me for differing from his Grand Master in a decision that an error in a ballot could not be corrected, if even a brother would arise in his seat and state that he voted a black ball through mistake. I admit that the secrecy of the ballot is sacred, but nothing is so sacred that it should prevent a Lodge from doing right.

We agree with Bro. Atkinson, and expressed ourselves in like terms in a former Report. And we agree again with Bro. Atkinson in his dissent from Bro. Parvin, under *Iowa*, upon the status of one who takes the degrees, but does not sign the By-Laws, and quote Bro. A.:

The brother would stand as a non-affiliate, if he would decline to join the Lodge of his choice. I reiterate my former position, viz.: The conferring of the degrees on a man makes him a Mason—the signing of a Constitution and By-Laws makes him a member of a Lodge. The "supposition" of Bro. Parvin doubtless would not arise in a hundred years. No man would be insane enough, it seems to me, after he had received the degrees of Masonry, to refuse to sign the By-Laws of a Lodge, and thus put himself in the position of a non-affiliate, thereby placing himself in a position where none of the privileges and benefits of the Order could be thrown around him. A man would be *non compos mentis* who would do that.

North Carolina, 1888, is most fraternally noticed—the hope being expressed that our Grand Lodge "may live a thousand years," for which we return thanks. Grand Master Robinson's address is complimented and extracts freely made therefrom, and the Report on Correspondence kindly considered. The Committee appreciate very much the friendly remark of Bro. Atkinson about Bro. Bain, "that there is good material in him," &c., which we all here have known for a long time, and, with Bro. Atkinson, we "beg him to go on." But how about the *other* member of the Committee, who wrote the Report, and is now writing this? In answer to the question why we "did not give West Virginia the usual notice," we submit that our Report had gone to press before we

received yours. We hope this one will make some amends for the delay—and with kind regards, *au revoir!*

Bro. Gustav Brown elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

WISCONSIN—1889.

The forty-fifth annual Communication opened at Milwaukee, June 11th, 1889, by Grand Master Myron Reed in ample form. In his excellent address, he presents many subjects for consideration, saying that the Craft is prosperous, noting the distinguished dead, among them Bro. Benjamin T. Kavanaugh, Wisconsin's first Grand Master, and Past Grand Master Jedd P. C. Cottrill, of whom he speaks in fitting terms of eulogy.

Many decisions are reported, among which is the following—the first time we have seen the point ruled upon, and, therefore, we give it in full:

Q. 1. The candidate for third degree having passed through the work of the first section of the degree, has passed the south and west gates and arrived at the east gate in the progress of the work of the second section. At this point he utterly refuses to proceed, and demands to be taken from the Lodge, which demand is complied with. What is his Masonic status?

2. The candidate, some months later, asking to proceed, does an objection from a brother debar him from being finished up as a M. M.?

A 1. The Masonic status of the candidate is that of a Master Mason, but not with all the rights and privileges appertaining to the degree. He would not have the right to visit the Lodge in third degree, because he has not received all the secrets of the degree. His status would be, not altogether, but something like that of a non-affiliated or an excluded Mason. He has the rights of a Mason, except those afforded by the Lodge.

He is a Master Mason obligated, and would be liable to discipline for a violation of his obligation. He is a Master Mason without those essential attributes that would confer upon him the rights, privileges and benefits of that degree.

2. It is the right of the Master to finish up the work commenced upon the application of the candidate, notwithstanding objection from any member of the Lodge. The objection is not one that comes within the letter or spirit of Section 7, Article 10, Constitution.

It is not an objection to advancement, within the meaning of that section, any more than it would be in any case where, for any reason the work of conferring the degree had been interrupted, as in case of a sudden sickness.

The fact is, the candidate has been advanced, and the objection comes too late.

It is the prerogative of every Master, subject to constitutional prohibition or restriction, to finish up any work he may have commenced, as much so as to convene or close his Lodge at pleasure, or admit or deny admission to any member. It is one of those powers for which he is only accountable to the Grand Lodge, and then only for abuse thereof.

From the following part of another decision we beg leave to dissent, as we do not think it is a matter within the authority of a Grand Master:

The Grand Master may, upon proper application, grant a Dispensation to the Lodge where the petition is presented to receive and act upon the same, without any surrender of Jurisdiction or action upon the part of the Lodge where the applicant resides.

Upon reading on in the proceedings, we find this ruling was not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence or the Grand Lodge. An extremely interesting Report on Correspondence comes from Bro. Duncan McGregor, condensed with artistic skill into eighty-two pages. He says:

The work was undertaken partly that we might add to our own knowledge of Masonic themes and Masonic thought, and partly because our Most Worshipful Grand Master seemed to think that our presentation might secure a sufficient number of readers to justify the labor and expense of preparation. The first object, we can testify, has been gained: the second may be gained if each brother present at this Grand Communication will carry a copy with him to his home and take the proper means to find out what in the Report is of interest to him. It hardly pays to prepare these reports unless they are read by at least all the Representatives to Grand Lodge.

His first-mentioned object in undertaking the arduous task of Reporter was likewise *ours*, and, like him, we have profited greatly, besides the pleasure we have had in communing, as it were, face to face with the able men of other Jurisdictions. And, if Bro. McGregor will permit us to say it to his face, the Grand Master who put him where he is displayed great skill in placing the right man in the right place, and we hope he, or some other Grand Master, will keep him there.

North Carolina, 1888 and 1889, receives a part of his kind attention.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

WYOMING.

The fourteenth annual Communication, held at Laramie, December 4th, 1888, Grand Master Nathaniel R. Davis present.

The Grand Master submitted a short address, in which he mentions the uninterrupted progress and prosperity of the Order; that fraternal relations are cordial: charters issued; no decisions; some Dispensations, and some remarks on the diversity of the *work*, and the need of some means of securing uniformity. He recommends that Commissions of Grand Representatives be made for a fixed term and expire at the same time.

Proceedings of local interest, save the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall presents a well-written Report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the several Jurisdictions; he mentions North Carolina, 1888, among the number. He says of the decisions of Grand Master Robinson:

The Grand Master only reported four decisions, from which we extract the following, all sound:

If the first was in answer to a question propounded by a brother or a Lodge, it is a lamentable fact that we have men claiming to be Masons who are wolves in sheep's clothing, and who believe Masonry is a cloak for evil-doing.

If a dimit is an estoppel for an offense committed before the same was granted, an easy way of evading trial and punishment has been discovered. Those knowing themselves guilty of an offense would dimit before such guilt was suspected. Such a rule or law would be rough on the officers of a Lodge, who, it is held by many, cannot resign; they would have to stand trial, while the members escaped. Let no guilty man thus escape. So says the Grand Master in effect, all of which is correct.

As to the third, we hold it to be good law when applied to the undoubted right of a member to cast a negative ballot and to go unquestioned therefor. In such case no inquiry can be entertained nor information be received; to hold otherwise, there can be no secret ballot. We believe the phraseology refers solely to such cases. So far we concur. If it is also intended that a member casting a negative ballot through mistake cannot correct it by giving information, then we dissent from such a conclusion.

With regard to the last sentence of the last paragraph quoted above, we think the Grand Master did not intend to hold that a negative ballot cast by mistake could not be corrected.

He quotes the following from our Report on Correspondence, and comments as below:

"And we also agree with him (Parvin) 'that a Grand Master cannot suspend the Master of a Lodge from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry, though he may suspend him from the functions of his office.' We have always thought that a Mason could be deprived of his rights and character only for cause, after a lawful trial and conviction."

Just so; we fully concur in every word. You forget inherent rights are abroad in the land. We would be pleased to have some prerogative brother name any one thing that has not been done from time to time here and there under this wonderful power. It is the riding rough-shod over law and lawful rights of brethren, as in the case above referred to, that makes this inherent-power claim obnoxious.

Like him, "we had marked other passages, but have had to pass them by."

Bro. Wm. D. Rawlins elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

ENGLAND—1888-1889.

Quarterly Communications June 6th and September 5th, 1888.

Quarterly Communications December 5th, 1888, and March 6th, 1889, and annual Festival April 24th, 1889.

Quarterly Communication June 5th, 1889.

SCOTLAND—1889.

Proceedings contain nothing requiring Report.

Quarterly Communication at Edinburg, May 2d, 1889, Bro. Archibald C. Campbell, Grand Master, on the throne.

Quarterly Communication August 1st, 1889.

VICTORIA—1888-1889.

Quarterly Communication September 3d, 1888, at Melbourne, Grand Master J. B. Patterson presiding; Subordinate Lodges reported as "working in Peace, Love and Harmony."

Quarterly Communication March 15th, 1889.


Proceeding of Inaugural meeting at Melbourne, March 20th and 21st, 1889, and of a quarterly Communication July 1st, 1889.

CONCLUSION.

Another Masonic year has drawn to a close, and again the result of our researches among the Proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions is presented to our brethren at home and abroad. "What is writ is writ, would it were worthier."

The labor, though arduous, has been pleasant and instructive, and we lay down the pen with a sense of obligation to our brother Reporters for the agreeable interviews we have enjoyed with them, and the valuable information they have communicated to us.

E. S. MARTIN,
Chairman for Committee.

 These Proceedings will be furnished to Subordinate Lodges at fifty cents for each copy over three, to which they are entitled, postage added. Individual Masons can obtain them at same price per copy, postage added. This is according to the regulation of the Grand Lodge.

The attention of Masters of Lodges is called to Section 2, page 42, of the Code, as follows:

“The Master of each Subordinate Lodge shall cause to be read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, for the information of the brethren, and the Lodge shall preserve the same and have them bound.”